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Introduction

The primary aim of these studies is to present a simple, vivid outline of the Life of Jesus, using St. Mark's record and emphasizing His mighty works. In the study of the last week of the Life portions of the other gospels are also used. An effort has been made at the same time to bring out the geography of Palestine, the manners and customs of its people, the various classes among them—in short, to give the setting of the picture. The studies will be found also to form a study of the book of Mark, and for this purpose the characteristics of this gospel have been constantly pointed out.

It has been thought wise, in connection with these studies, to suggest about twenty-five familiar Bible verses, which, together with their location, are to be memorized; and also to ask the students to learn where to find certain well-known parts of the Bible—i.e., the Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, etc. Other verses and chapters may be substituted for these to suit the needs of the class.

There has been inserted at irregular intervals a number of written prayers, not necessarily on the subject of the day's study, and not intended to form a liturgy, but to bring before the students the prayers of others in order to teach them to pray. In like manner meditations have been inserted on various days, designated "Thought for To-day." Through these it is hoped to guide the student's thought to the teaching of the lesson for that particular day, with the hope that he will be induced to formulate and write out thoughts about the teachings for the other days. As the studies are intended to be devotional as well as historical, here and there various quotations of a devotional nature will be found.

Like the other courses in the Bible Study Cycle these lessons have been arranged for daily study, and the most good will surely come to those who adopt this plan. To induce and assist in daily study space has been provided for written answers, and students are urged to answer

the questions in writing; and the studies are printed in a form and on paper which makes this work both a text-book and a note-book, so that, while for many reasons a note-book will be found useful, it will not be necessary. An outline map is also printed on which to trace the journeys of Jesus. The questions are based on the Revised Version, and some of them will be unintelligible without that version.

Two books are recommended for use with these studies, and while they will be found very helpful they are not essential:

1. Life of Christ, by Stalker (50 cents).
2. The Gospel according to St. Mark, by Thomas M. Lindsay (75 cents).

Besides the above Kephart's Chart of the Life of Christ (75 cents), gives a bird's-eye view of the events of the Public Ministry. The Twentieth Century New Testament (50 cents) is a translation into modern English and often throws light on obscure passages. The Bible Study Manual (50 cents), published by the Bible Study Publishing Company, Boston, Mass., contains many choice extracts from most of the well-known writers on the Life of Christ. Stevens and Burton's Harmony of the Gospels would be found helpful, and those who expect sometime to study Sharman's Life of Christ ought to purchase this Harmony now.

Some classes have found pictures very helpful. Blue print reproductions of famous paintings may be procured from Earl Thompson & Co., Syracuse, N. Y., at one cent each; the Perry Picture Company, Malden, Mass., furnish prints of the same pictures at the same price. Either publisher will be glad to send a catalogue.

For a helpful list of books consult pages 41 *et seq.* of the Prospectus of Religious Work (25 cents). Any of these helps will be furnished by the International Committee.

The following is suggested as a method of procedure in preparing and teaching one of these studies:

I. PREPARING:

1. Determine the topic of the study. (Is the one given in the text-book well chosen?) Make a sentence summarization.
2. Determine the connection of this study with the general development of thought and events preceding. (That is, make a brief review of

past studies.) Occasionally read the Gospel of Mark through at one sitting.

3. Determine the principal questions to be asked upon each daily study.
4. Determine the points in each division to be looked up in outside literature (a) by the leader or (b) by members of the class appointed beforehand.
5. Determine which of these divisions you will spend most time on in class, which next, etc.
6. Decide upon a few general questions, if necessary, upon the whole study that do not come under any special division.
7. Determine the principal religious truths and their bearing upon life.
8. Determine the main purpose underlying your whole presentation. (That is, what is the dominant thought of the study?)
9. Memorize the verse or chapter suggested, and be ready to review the class on verses and chapters already memorized. (Leaders will find much help in the general suggestions to leaders prepared by Mr. Sharman and Professor White to accompany their studies in this cycle.)

II. TEACHING:

The class hour might be used as follows:

1. Prayer.
2. Repeat the verses and chapters already learned. Let the leader repeat the verse and the class locate it, or *vice versa*. Do the same with the chapters.
3. Review the last lesson. Occasionally review the facts already learned about the country, people, etc.
4. Take up the lesson of the week as already determined upon in preparation.
5. Compare the answers of the various members of the class. Occasionally the leader should take the students' books and examine the written answers, and make such suggestions as may be necessary.
6. Make at least one teaching from the lesson so clear that every member will carry it away with him.

7. Suggest work for the next week.
8. Prayer.

These studies are sent forth with the prayer that those who are beginning to study the Bible may be led into more thorough study, and that the picture of the wonderful Man of Galilee, the Mighty Worker, may be made so clear and beautiful that many will be drawn to Him, and will go out from Him preaching everywhere, "the Lord working with them."

WILLIAM D. MURRAY.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., August, 1900.

The Life and Works of Jesus

- Sunday* 1. Opening Events and Judean Ministry.
Monday 2. Preaching, Healing, Praying.
Tuesday 3. Travelling and Healing.
Wednesday 4. Popularity and Opposition.
5. Choosing His Helpers.
6. Teaching by Parables.
7. The storm at sea and insane on shore.
8. Days of Power.
9. His friends and His enemies.
Thursday 10. Resting, Working, Praying.
11. Driven out of Galilee.
12. Journeys of Flight.
Friday 13. Teaching and Healing.
14. The Transfiguration.
15. The Close of the Galilean Ministry.
16. On the way to Jerusalem.
17. Teaching in Perea.
18. Close of Perea Ministry.
19. The beginning of the End.
20. Encounter with Priests and Scribes.

2 21. Last Teachings.
22. His last hours with the disciples.
23. Arrested, Tried, Denied.
24. Mocked and Crucified.
25. The End.
26. His Victory.

An Outline of the Life of Jesus

(Events in italics are not recorded by Mark.)

I. THE BEGINNING.

(Thirty years.)

Birth

Presentation and naming

Wise men

Flight into Egypt

Return to Nazareth

Childhood at Nazareth

Visit to Jerusalem

Luke 1 : 1-2 : 52.

(Eighteen silent years at Nazareth.)

II. THE PERIOD OF OBSCURITY.

a. PREPARATION.

(Two months, January, February, A.D. 27.)

Ministry of John.....Mark 1 : 1-8

Baptism.....9-11

Temptation.....12, 13

b. JUDEAN MINISTRY.....John 1 : 19-4 : 42

(Nine months, A.D. 27.)

First Disciples

First Miracle at Cana

First Cleansing of the Temple

Talk with Nicodemus

(Eight months of silence, John 3 : 22.)

Talk with Woman of Samaria.

(Jesus leaves Judea.)

III. PERIOD OF POPULARITY.

(Twenty-two months. Autumn, A.D. 27, to

October, A.D. 29.)

GALILEAN MINISTRY. Mark 1 : 14-9 : 50.

Calls four disciples.....1 : 14-20

A Sabbath day in Capernaum.....21-34

Retirement to a desert place.....35-39

Heals a leper.....40-45

Cures a paralytic.....2 : 1-12

Calls Matthew.....13-17

Blamed for not fasting.....18-22

Reproved for gathering corn on Sabbath....23-28

He cures a man with a withered hand.....3 : 1-6

Crowds surround Him	7-12
SELECTS THE TWELVE APOSTLES.....	13-19
*Sermon on the Mount	Matt. 5, 6, 7
Heals centurion's servant.....	} Luke 7 : 1-50
Raises widow of Nain's son.....	
Is anointed in Simon's house.....	
Warns the Scribes and Pharisees.....	19-30
Who his real relations are	31-35
Teaches by Parables	4 : 1-34
+ Into the Storm.....	35-41
The insane man	5 : 1-20
Raises the daughter of Jairus.....	21-43
Rejected at Nazareth	6 : 1-6
Sends out the Twelve	7-13
John's murder	14-29
FEEDS MORE THAN 5,000.....	30-46
Walks on the water.....	47-56
Eats with unwashed hands.....	7 : 1-23
First journey of flight.....	24-30
Through Decapolis	31-37
Feeds four thousand	8 : 1-9
In Dalmanutha.....	10-13
Leaven of the Pharisees.....	14-21
Cures a blind man.....	22-26
+ THE GREAT CONFESSION.....	27-30
He foretells His death.....	8 : 31-9 : 1
TRANSFIGURATION.....	9 : 2-13
He cures the demoniac boy.....	14-29
Foretells His death again.....	30-32
Teaches disciples humility and tolerance....	33-50

IV. PERIOD OF OPPOSITION.

PEREAN MINISTRY, Mark 10 : 1-52.

(Six months, Autumn, A.D. 29—April, A.D. 30.)

Teaching about marriage and divorce....	10 : 1-12
Little children	13-16
Rich young man.....	17-22
The rich.....	23-27
Self-sacrifice.....	28-31
The journey to the feast of Dedication..	John, 10 : 22
Visits Mary and Martha at Bethany..	Luke 10 : 38-42
Flight into Perea	John 10 : 39-42
Parables	Luke 14 : 1-17 : 10
Visits Bethany and raises Lazarus.....	John 11
Flight to Ephraim.....	John 11 : 54, 55
Foretells His death again.....	Mark 10 : 32-34
False Ambition.....	35-45

Heals Bartimaeus	46-52
Anointed at Bethany.....	14 : 1-11

V. THE LAST WEEK.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, A DAY OF TRIUMPH.

He enters Jerusalem	11 : 1-10
Back to Bethany at night.....	11

MONDAY—A DAY OF AUTHORITY.

He curses a fruitless fig-tree.....	12-14
He cleanses the Temple.....	15-18
Back to Bethany at night.....	19

TUESDAY—A DAY OF CONFLICT.

The withered fig-tree.....	20-26
His authority is challenged.....	27-33
Parable of wicked husbandman.....	12 : 1-12
<i>Other parables</i>	Matt. 21 and 22
Three catching questions.....	13-34
His question.....	35-37
Beware of the Scribes.	38-40
The widow's mite	41-44
<i>Greeks seek Him</i>	John 12
Prediction of destruction of Jerusalem and end of the world.....	13 : 1-37

WEDNESDAY—A DAY OF RETIREMENT.

(No record.)

THURSDAY—THE LAST DAY WITH HIS DISCIPLES.

Preparation for Passover.....	14 : 12-16
Institution of Lord's Supper.....	17-25
At the Mount of Olives.....	26-31
<i>Farewell</i>	John 13, 14, 15, 16
<i>Intercessory Prayer</i>	John 17

FRIDAY—A DAY OF SUFFERING.

In Gethsemane.....	14 : 32-42
Taken prisoner.....	43-52
The Jewish trial.....	53-65
Peter's denials	66-72
The Roman trial	15 : 1-14
Scorned and mocked	15-20
Crucified	21-41
Buried	42-47

SATURDAY—THE DAY IN THE TOMB.

He rests in the grave.....16:1

THE FORTY DAYS—April 9—May 18.

Visit of Mary and others, who find He has
risen16:1-8
Appears to Mary Magdalene.....9-11
Appears to the two on the way to Emmaus..12-13
Appears to the eleven14
His last commands15-18
The Ascension.....19-20

The Life and Works of Jesus

FIRST WEEK: OPENING EVENTS AND JUDEAN MINISTRY.

FIRST DAY: MARK 1:1. JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD.

It has been suggested that this verse would be a good title for the book of Mark.

Papias A writer of the second century tells us that Mark did not hear Jesus nor follow Him, but that he wrote what Peter told him. In 2 Peter 1:15 Peter seems to express his intention of writing a Gospel. In Matt. 16:16 Peter uses these very words. It seems particularly appropriate for Mark, therefore, to begin his Gospel with this great confession of Peter. See Peter's outline of the life of Jesus in Acts 10:38-42.

Consult the following references for information about Mark: Acts 12:12-25, 13:5-13, 15:39; 1 Pet. 5:13; Col. 4:10; 2 Tim. 4:11.

What does the word gospel mean? *Good news or tidings Gr. εὐαγγέλιον*

What other expressions are used for gospel? Mark 2:2; Acts 13:32. —

"the word" "good tidings"

What does the name Jesus mean? Matt. 1:21.

Savior

What does the name Christ mean?

Anointed, Gr. χρίω.

Which was His name and which His title? See use of the two words in Acts 17:3. *name = Jesus title = Christ*

"I have read that on one occasion of the gospel story a child was lifted up to see the portrait of Jesus. That youngest student in the art gallery had probably the view clearest of all. His sight was antecedent to all theory, to all argument. I should like to be that child. I shall try."

In what spirit was I approaching this study?

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SECOND DAY: MARK 1:2-8. JOHN BAPTIST.

Read also Isaiah 40:3; Mal. 3:1.

Isaiah wrote more than 500 years before Christ.

Kings when going on a journey sent messengers before them to mend the roads. When the Emperor of Germany visited Palestine in 1898 the roads over which he was to go were repaired.

Who was this messenger? Mark 1:3.

John the Baptist

Wilderness, v. 4. "Rugged and dreary beyond description; full of bare rocks, rich in hollows, full of sandy plains, with scarce a village or even a farm-house."

Locate on the map Judea, Jerusalem, Jordan.

John's clothing, v. 6. "A coarse kind of sackcloth, made out of the strongest hairs of the camel." It was the dress of a prophet. See 2 Kings 1:8. *= Elijah*

Locusts were not unlike our grasshoppers; they were often used as food.

It was customary for slaves to untie the fastenings of their master's sandals.

"Make ye ready the way of the Lord." What one thing can I do toward it this year?

Some one has said that John the Baptist was like "a sunken pier on which the light-house of the world might stand." (John 1:23, 3:30.)

He must increase but I must decrease

Mark 1:2, 3. Here and in one other place are the only times Mark himself quotes the Old Testament. This indicates that he did not write primarily for Jews. (See Matthew's Gospel, 4:14, 15; 12:17, 18.)

Humility of John

The Life and Works of Jesus

FIRST WEEK: OPENING EVENTS AND JUDEAN MINISTRY.

THIRD DAY: MARK 1:9-11. THE BAPTISM.

THE BEGINNING OF CHRIST'S PUBLIC MINISTRY.

Notice that Mark begins with Jesus full grown. He seeks to present Him in the fulness of His living energy.

Jesus came from Nazareth, v. 9. What had He been doing there? Luke 2:39, 40. "The hidden years at Nazareth."

"The child grow and waxed strong and the grace of God was upon Him"
It is thought that the place where Jesus was baptized was near Jericho; locate it.

Which John is this in verse 9?

The Baptist.

What did this voice from heaven say?

"Thou art my beloved son in thee I am well pleased"

What additional fact about Jesus is stated in Luke

3:21? *and Praying, the heaven was opened"*

Remember the three principal divisions of Palestine, west of the Jordan: Judea, in the south; Samaria, in the centre; and Galilee, in the north. Perea was the great division east of the Jordan.

Here again we have the idea of being clean before entering upon God's service. The symbolic washing with water is often referred to in the Old Testament. (See Ps. 26:6; Isa. 1:18; Zech. 13:1.)

Stalker divides Christ's life into five parts: 1. The *Beginning*, covering the thirty years of private life and entirely omitted by Mark. 2. The year of *Obscurity*, both because the records of it which we possess are scanty, and because He seems during it to have been only slowly emerging into public notice. It was spent, for the most part, in *Judea*. 3. The year of *Popularity*, spent almost wholly in *Galilee*. 4. The year of *Opposition*, spent partly in *Perea*, and 5. The *End*, which includes the events of the last week. Fix these divisions in your mind.

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FIRST WEEK: OPENING EVENTS AND JUDEAN MINISTRY.

FOURTH DAY: MARK 1:12, 13. THE TEMPTATION.
(Read also Matt. 4:1-11.)

As soon as God says, "Thou art my beloved son," the devil says, "Are you?"

Compare this brief, vivid account with the same account in Matt. 4:1-11.

Picture the surroundings: *wilderness, driveth him, with wild beasts, angels.*

What was the first temptation according to Matthew?

"Command that these stones become bread"

What the second?

"cast thyself down"

What the third?

In what way does Christ answer the tempter?

"All these things will I give thee if thou wilt fall down and worship me."

Memorize Ps. 1.

At what point in Christ's public ministry did the temptation occur? *at the very beginning following immediately upon the baptism*

Was He ever tempted again? See Luke 4:13, 22:28.

Satan departed for a season"

X said to disciples "ye have continued with me in my trials"

Prepared for His work, He is now tested as to His fitness to undertake it.

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: Luke 4:3. "Spiritual evil always chooses a trifle, something from which it seems that no harm can possibly come, to win its victim to the first false step."

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FIRST WEEK: OPENING EVENTS AND JUDEAN MINISTRY.

FIFTH DAY: JOHN 2:13-22. HE CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE.

(THE JUDEAN MINISTRY, JOHN 2:13-4:42.)

(As these studies are designed to give Mark's story of Christ's life, the Judean ministry, which Mark omits, is here briefly treated merely for the sake of completeness.)

Immediately after the temptation, John Baptist pointed his disciples to Jesus, and five or six left John and became disciples of Jesus. (John 1:29-51.)

Jesus then attended the wedding at Cana of Galilee (John 2:1-11) and performed His first miracle—that of turning water into wine.

The Passover, v. 13. Read Ex. 12:11-13, 23, 24, and write out its meaning. "It is the sacrifice of Jehovah's passover who passed over the house of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians." Ex. 12:27.

What did Jesus find in the temple?

Those that sold oxen, changers of money.

What did He do?

"Cast all out of the temple"

Why did He do this?

Make not my father's house a house of merchandise.

Can you think of any temples that ought to be cleansed?
"Our bodies" & "Heathen temples."

God's method seems always to have been first to make clean. In the days of Hezekiah, when the Temple had all kinds of filth brought into it, the priests came and cleansed it. (2 Chron. 29:16.) Later, in Nehemiah's time, when household goods had been stored in the temple, Nehemiah came up and cast them out. (Neh. 13:8, 9.)

PRAYER: My Heavenly Father, I come to Thee now, as I enter upon the study of these holy things, asking that my heart may be thoroughly cleansed, that not one impure thought may find a place in my mind, and that every imagination of my heart may be such that I would be willing to have it known by my friends. Amen.

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FIRST WEEK: OPENING EVENTS AND JUDEAN MINISTRY.

SIXTH DAY: JOHN 3:1-21. HE TALKS WITH NICODE-
MUS.

A Pharisee, v. 1. A sect of the Jews. It was composed of those pious Jews who were especially exact about the interpretation and observance of the Old Testament ceremonial law. For another illustration, see Luke 18:10-12. Pharisee and the Publican

Why do you suppose Nicodemus came by night? John 3:2. See John 12:42, 43.

Just he should incur the disfavor of the other pharisees.

What caused him to come to see Jesus?

The works of "

What did he say they knew about Jesus?

That he was a teacher come from God -

Note that Jesus tells Nicodemus, a "teacher of Israel," that he needs a new life, not some conformity of the old; he needs to be born into the spiritual life as he was born into the natural life.

Memorize John 3:16. Luther called this verse the Little Gospel. It is the best known verse in the Bible.

"I need not leave the jostling world,
Or wait till daily tasks are o'er,
To fold my palms in secret prayer
Within the close-shut door.

"There is a viewless, cloistered room,
As high as heaven, as fair as day,
Where, tho' my feet may join the throng,
My soul can enter in and pray."

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FIRST WEEK: OPENING EVENTS AND JUDEAN MINISTRY.

SEVENTH DAY: JOHN 4:1-26. THROUGH SAMARIA.

Consult the map and tell why the word "must" is used.
Vs. 3, 4.

This is the last incident in His Judean ministry. His work from this time on was nearly all in Galilee. Eight months of His life are recorded in John 3:22.

Locate Sychar on the map.

Sixth hour, v. 6. Noon, the warmest part of the day. What shows that Jesus had human needs? Vs. 6, 7, 8.

wary, drinks, food.

Remember that he had disciples now.

How would the woman know that Jesus was a Jew?

V. 9. *By his dress.*

What did Jesus mean by verse 14?

That the deepest longing of the human heart is a spiritual want wh. X alone can satisfy.

Where and how did Jesus say was the proper place to worship? Vs. 21-24.

every where in spirit and in truth.

Who did Jesus tell this woman He was? V. 26.

Messiah who is called Christ.

This Judean Ministry is also called the Period of Obscurity. Very few events are recorded, although the time covered was about nine months. It was a period of obscurity, too, because Jesus did not show himself to multitudes, but to individuals.

Contrast John 3 and 4 with the studies to follow in the Galilean Ministry.

"At the well of Jacob He is a man—a weary, lonely, wayfaring man—not the benefactor but the benefited, not the donor but the suppliant, not the pitying but the pitied."

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SECOND WEEK: PREACHING, HEALING, PRAYING.

FIRST DAY: MARK 1:14, 15. JESUS PREACHING.

The beginning of the Galilean Ministry. In Mark's Gospel this covers Mark 1:14—9:50.

The Period of Popularity.

We read that He came into Galilee; where had He been?

In Judea and Samaria

Why did He leave Judea? Matt. 4:12. See John 1:11.

*Because John the Baptist
was put in prison.*

1/2 came into his own and they received him not

175 "The extreme length of Palestine, from north to south,
87 is about one hundred and seventy-five miles, and the aver-
35 age width of it not more than thirty-five miles."

What were the three principal divisions of Palestine?

Judea, Samaria, Galilee.

Tell in your own words what Jesus preached.

The good news of God.

Repent and Believe.

What was done with this John? See Mark 6:17, 18.

Herod had bound him in prison.

Memorize Matt. 6:33.

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, as I enter upon the study of Thy Life, give me power to understand Thy words and life; help me to accept them as true, and to live as one should who knows that they are true; help me to seek first Thy Kingdom. Amen.

*Thought: Do I seek first the Kingdom
of God? If you seek it second,
I promise you a miserable
existence" D. L. Moody.*

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SECOND WEEK: PREACHING, HEALING, PRAYING.

SECOND DAY: MARK 1:16-20. HE CALLS HIS FIRST DISCIPLES.

Sea of Galilee, v. 16. A pear-shaped sheet of water, "12½ miles long, 6¾ broad in its widest part. In our Lord's time, the western shore of the lake was the busiest and most populous part of Galilee, while the eastern was, for the most part, a solitude."

Why is it called the Sea of Galilee?

from the province on its western shore
What other names are given to it? Luke 5:1; John 21:1; Matt. 4:15.

Lake of Gennesaret, Sea of Tiberias, "Sea beyond Jordan"
What four men are named here? *These*

Simon, Andrew, James, John.

How did He call them, and what were they doing?

"Come ye after me." Fishing and mending nets.

Every man whom Jesus called to be an apostle thought he had made other arrangements for his life.

When had He called them before? John 1:29-51.

In Judea where John the B. pointed Him out
What does the fact that they had hired servants show as to their condition in life? V. 20.

That they belonged to the better class than most Galilean peasants
Fishers of Men, v. 17. They were fishermen, and if they went with Him Jesus would show them fishing that was worth while. Apply this to your own talents.

Two pairs of brothers went after Him.

Is there anything recorded here or in John 1:41 that you can imitate?

Find our brothers.

In answer to His call they left their relatives and possessions to follow Him; to spend every day in the society of this one man, to go about with Him entirely at His direction, and, as it seems, to set no time limit to their absence from home. Would you be willing to do it?

Thought: These disciples were willing to seek first God's kingdom. And to follow Jesus at any cost and do it promptly.
18" "and straightaway" - Follow Jesus

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SECOND WEEK: PREACHING, HEALING, PRAYING.

THIRD DAY: MARK 1:21, 22. IN THE SYNAGOGUE AT
CAPERNAUM.

Can you locate Capernaum? *Not exactly but on
the northern shore of the Lake.*
What is it called in Matt. 9:1? *his own city"*

Where did Jesus spend His boyhood? *Nazareth*

Why did Nazareth cease to be His home? See Luke
4:29. *"He cast him forth" - First
rejection at Nazareth*

We believe that Jesus set a good example; where did
He go on the Sabbath?

Synagogue

What did He do? Compare Luke 4:16, 17.

Taught

read.

Scribes, Mark 1:22. Also called lawyers and doctors
of the law. They explained the Jewish law—the first
five books of the Old Testament.

As Jesus travelled about, was He alone? See Mark
15:40, 41; Mark 2:15; Acts 1:21.

*No. Large number accompanied
him: women, godless people and tax-gatherers.*

What two important events stand at the very begin-
ning of Christ's public ministry?

Baptism, temptation.

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: The more I contemplate this
man, the more astonished I am, both at Him and at the
people among whom He lived. Purity itself, able to heal
all manner of sickness, speaking words of wonderful
power, His own townsmen cast Him out and would have
none of Him!

*taught them as having authority, and not as the
scribes". Do I know what Jesus himself
taught? With wh. am I better acquainted
the teaching of Jesus or that teaching wh.*

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SECOND WEEK: PREACHING, HEALING, PRAYING.

FOURTH DAY: MARK I:23-28. HE CURES A MAN WITH
AN UNCLEAN SPIRIT.

In which year of Christ's public ministry is this event?

Period of Popularity - Galilean ministry

A man with an unclean spirit was very much like an epileptic.

How could such a man be in the synagogue?

Why do you suppose the man cried out when he saw Jesus?

What did the man say? *What have we to do with thee, Jesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.*

Do you suppose Jesus told him to stop because He did not care for the testimony of the unclean?

Jesus cannot accept the testimony of the unclean.
How does this apply to my life?

I must be clean.

How did this miracle affect the bystanders?

They were amazed.

What effect did it have upon spreading the knowledge of Jesus?

Report of Him went out straightway everywhere into all the region of Galilee.

*I thought
Would Christ say to me Hold thy peace*

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SECOND WEEK: PREACHING, HEALING, PRAYING.

FIFTH DAY: MARK 1:29-31. HE HEALS A WOMAN.

How many times so far has the word *straightway* been used? (1) vs 10, 12, 18, 20, 21, 23, 28, 29, 30, - 9 times

Mark uses it in all forty-one times. Notice that in the Revised Version it is always *straightway*; in the Authorized Version the same Greek word is translated by many English words. The same Greek word is used in each of the following passages: Mark 1:30; 1:29; 6:25.

Mark usually gives the names of people, 1:29; 13:3; 15:21.

Why would Simon and Andrew live in the same house?

Brothers

What was Simon's other name? How and why was it given? John 1:42.

*Cephus or Peter = Rock or stone
given by Christ.*

How did Jesus know that Simon's mother-in-law was sick?

"They tell Him of her"
When Christ comes, he comes to do good, and will richly
Is it a good thing to tell Jesus of our friends' needs? *Yes. ^{pay for his} ^{entertainment}*

Notice that Jesus went to her, and took hold of her. He appreciated personal work.

What did she do after being healed?

M. ministered unto them

"Saved to serve," is a good motto for a Christian.

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SECOND WEEK: PREACHING, HEALING, PRAYING.

SIXTH DAY: MARK 1:32-34. HE HEALS MULTITUDES.

What day of the week was this? *Sabbath.*

The Jewish Sabbath ended at sun-down; at that time the Jews would feel free to carry their sick to Jesus.

Try to picture this crowd of sick people jostling and pushing about the house where Jesus was.

What did He do for these people?

Healed them and cast out devils.

Read Luke 4:40 and state how He treated these sick people.

He laid his hands on every one of these and healed them.

Memorize Isaiah 55:1 and 7.

PRAYER: Almighty God, the Lord of life and death, in whose hands are the issues of my life, grant that I may so care for this wonderful body with which Thou hast blessed me, may keep it so sweet and pure that it may indeed be a fit dwelling place for Thy Holy Spirit, and that it may be such that with it I can serve Thee fully. Amen.

Thought:-

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*Do I realize my Christian duty
to my body?*

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SECOND WEEK: PREACHING, HEALING, PRAYING.

SEVENTH DAY: MARK 1:35-38. JESUS AT PRAYER.

"The closet is not only the oratory, but the observatory."
Mark gives notes of time, 1:35; 2:1; 4:35; 15:25.
What time and place did Jesus choose for praying?

In the morning, in a desert place

Notice how busy He had been the day before.
Why do you suppose He chose such a time and place?

So he would not be disturbed.

How was He disturbed? *By his disciples*

What did He tell them He came for?

To preach

The Lord's Prayer is recorded in Matthew 6 and Luke 11.

"By all means, use sometimes to be alone,
Salute thyself, see what thy soul doth wear,
Dare to look in thy chest, for 'tis thine own;
And tumble up and down what thou findest there."

Jesus as a man of prayer:

He made prayer the real battle-field of His life. Heb. 5:7, Luke 22:44, John 12:27.

He followed up the battle with prayer. Mark 1:35.

Thought.
What are some of the conditions for prevailing prayer?

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THIRD WEEK: TRAVELLING AND HEALING.

FIRST DAY: MARK 1:39. "THE CHURCH ITINERANT."

Read also the Traveller's Psalm. Psalm 121.

Jesus spent much time journeying from place to place, preaching and healing. This was the first of these preaching tours.

How did Jesus and His friends travel? See Luke 24:17; John 4:6.

Walked

"as ye walk"

How extensive was this journey? Matt. 4:23.

"And Jesus went about in all Galilee"

Beginning with Nazareth, Mark 1:9, and remembering the time in Judea, trace on the map the journeys of Jesus up to this time.

How many miracles recorded in Mark had He performed up to this time? 1:25, 1:31, 1:34 *many*.

Into what five parts does Stalker divide Christ's life?

1. *The Beginning*
2. *"year of obscurity"*
3. *"year of popularity"*
4. *The year of opposition*
5. *"end"*

"What did this supreme man do with His life? He went about doing good. He spent it in the service of the criminal, the vicious, the outcast, the vast weltering masses of abandoned humanity. He took His life with its superlative wisdom and goodness from His baptism to His crucifixion, and gave it in one continuous sacrifice in attestation of His sense of the worth of a human soul."

Thought:-

What am I doing with my life?

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THIRD WEEK: TRAVELLING AND HEALING.

SECOND DAY: MARK 1:40-45. HE CURES A LEPER.

"There cometh to Him a leper." "Leprosy was nothing short of a living death, a corrupting of all the humors, a poisoning of the very springs, a dissolution, little by little, of the whole body." The leper had to keep far off from others, and make known his disease by crying out "Unclean."

Memorize Psalm 51:7, 10. Read the whole Psalm. It is called the Penitential Psalm.

Notice the vividness of Mark's picture: *cometh, beseeching, kneeling, saying.* Mark gives vividness to his picture by using the present tense. See also 2:10.

How many times is the word clean or unclean used?

3 times also cleansing.

Use marginal reference on Mark 1:44 to show what Moses commanded. *Lev 14:2-32.*

vs 8. -

" 13:49

"Compassion, the keynote of Christ's ministry."

Why did Jesus ask him to say nothing about his cure?

The crowds were already great, and too much excitement might interfere with work, and the lepers' disobedience.

What does verse 45 mean? *had in fact this result.*

Growing popularity of Christ.

Notice in verse 41 the detail of Mark's picture. See the same effect in Mark 1:13, 20; 3:5, 9.

vs 40 "If thou wilt." Leprosy was an almost incurable disease; his faith must have been strong. How about my faith?

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THIRD WEEK: TRAVELLING AND HEALING.

THIRD DAY: MARK 2:1, 2. IN CAPERNAUM AGAIN.

"It was noised that He was in the house." Two women missionaries in China wrote these words over the front door of their home.

Tell something about what such a house as the one mentioned in v. 1 was like.

Picture the scene: Jesus in the house and great crowds thronging Him.

What did He do?

"Spake the word unto them"

What does "word" mean? (2:2).

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Compare 1:32, 37, 45; 2:2, and state whether Jesus was popular at this time.

He was very popular.

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: Jesus had plenty of friends when people thought He could heal their sickness and give them food without their working for it, and make their nation politically great. They turned away from Him in disgust when they found that the kingdom He promised was that heaven should rule a man's personal life.

What am I expecting?

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THIRD WEEK: TRAVELLING AND HEALING.

FOURTH DAY: MARK 2:3-12. THE PARALYTIC Borne OF FOUR.

Write out vs. 3 and 4 in your own words.

Four men trying a man sick of the palsy come to Jesus and because of the crowd they tear open the roof and let the man down before Jesus. They uncovered the roof, v. 4.

"The roofs were made by laying first large beams, and then across them rude joists. On these were laid flat stones or slabs of tile or dried clay, on which was spread earth or gravel rolled hard with a stone roller kept on the roof for the purpose. The men first dug through the earth, as Mark says, and then pulled up the tile slabs, as Luke tells us. Luke 5:19."

The bed, v. 4, was like a padded quilt.

What kept the sick man from Jesus?

the crowd.

What did the action of the four men show as to their regard for the sick man?

they voluntarily loved him

What characteristics of a Christian Endeavor Society or a Young Men's Christian Association are found in v. 3?

They brought the sick one to Jesus

Would Acts 10:38 be fairly descriptive of Jesus's life up to this time: "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power; who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him"?

Yes.

Mention four events occurring in the Judean Ministry.

Miracle at Canna, (2) 1st Cleansing of Temple, (3) Nicodemus, (4) Woman of Samaria

PRAYER: O Christ, may I have faith to see that in Thee dwells all power. May it be my privilege to bring my needy friends to Thee; and may I also, Lord, be privileged to unite my efforts for the extension of Thy Kingdom with other men who have like desires.

Thought

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Do I bring my needy friends to Jesus?

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THIRD WEEK: TRAVELLING AND HEALING.

FIFTH DAY: MARK 2:3-12. HE CURES THE PARALYTIC.

What did Jesus first say to the sick man?

"Son, thy sins are forgiven"

How did this miracle affect the Scribes?

They considered that in speaking thus he blasphemed.

Do you think that they "who were all amazed" in v.

12 were different persons from the Scribes in v. 6?

The scribes as well as the others, for in the intensity of feeling there was a recognition of divine

What reason did Jesus give for changing the form of words spoken to the sick man? *v. 10.*

that ye may know that the son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins"

Memorize 1 John 1:8, 9, 10.

What does it mean to glorify God? See John 17:1.

2:11. *Rise:* the one impossible thing for him to do.

Take up thy bed: make no provision for a relapse.

Walk: use the power you have.

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THIRD WEEK: TRAVELLING AND HEALING.

SIXTH DAY: MARK 2:13, 14. HE CALLS MATTHEW TO
BE A DISCIPLE.

Why did Jesus so often teach by the sea-side?

The crowds still seek Him, 2:13.

What other name did Levi have? Matthew 9:9.

Matthew

What does Matthew call himself in his own list of the
Apostles in Matthew 10:3? *the Publican*

A publican was a local tax-gatherer. Publicans were hated all over the Roman Empire. Theocritus says that the worst kind of wild beasts were "bears and lions on the mountains, publicans and pettifoggers in the cities." Notice "Publicans and sinners," in 2:15, 16, 17. Matthew has sometimes been called, "The collector of the port of Capernaum." The place of toll was the custom-house of Capernaum.

What did Jesus say to Matthew? *vs 14*

"Follow me"

What did Matthew do?

And he arose and followed Him.

Christ cured the leper and called the hated publican to be an apostle. What do I need to have Him do for me?

cleanse me of sin

Call me to a self-surrender life

Heaven's revelations nearly always come to men when engaged in their daily work. It was so with Moses, Gideon, Elisha, Cary, and many others. The disciples were called while fishing or sitting at the place of toll.

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THIRD WEEK: TRAVELLING AND HEALING.

SEVENTH DAY: MARK 2:15-17. MATTHEW'S FEAST.

Luke says that Matthew gave this great feast for Jesus to a great multitude in his own house. (Luke 5:29.)

What would this show as to Matthew's financial condition, and as to what he gave up in order to become a disciple?

He shows that he did not ~~love~~ for money.

What does v. 17 tell about Christ's mission in the world?

He came to heal the spiritually sick.

Jesus attended this feast: what does this show as to His attitude toward such things?

His attitude was favorable.

Jesus's answer to the Pharisee's question is, "I frequent the haunts of sinners, because I am a physician and they are sick."

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: The ministry of Jesus was a ministry of human friendliness. He could enjoy the festivities of a wedding (John 2:1). He did not feel that anything in His religion prevented Him from being a guest at a dinner given in His honor (Luke 5:29). Though they accused Him of unholy associations, He continued to eat with publicans and sinners. (Luke 15:1, 2.)

120 taken away" - An indication that Jesus
lived in view of his great purpose.
∴ Was his death a mere incident?
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FOURTH WEEK: POPULARITY AND OPPOSITION.

FIRST DAY: MARK 2:18-20. DISCIPLES BLAMED FOR
NOT FASTING.

Sons of the bride-chamber. V. 19. Guests, who accompanied the bridegroom to the house of the bride, usually the most intimate friends of the bridegroom. John Baptist called himself the friend of the bridegroom. John 3:29.

What did Jesus mean by the term here, and why did He use it? *His disciples. It applied to those who had union and communion with Christ.*

Taken away, v. 20. The word implies a violent death. He always had the thought of His coming death before Him.

What were the Pharisees, v. 16? *See Lindsay P 55. Leaders of the people against any changes in the Mosaic law.*

What was their attitude toward Jesus? *As a class = hostile*

Some individuals no doubt welcomed Him.

Notice the use of the word *fast* in each verse. Of what was it a sign?

Sorrow. See Lindsay P 84

Is it true in your life that the only real sorrow for a Christian is separation from Christ?

It ought to be

What two important events already referred to stand at the beginning of Christ's ministry?

*Baptism
temptation*

The public ministry of Christ covered a period of about three years. Most of His ministry was spent in three definite sections of Palestine. What is each of these three years called from the section in which the time was spent?

1. *Judaea* - ²² *obscurity*
2. *Galilee* - *Popularity*
3. *Perea* - *Opposition*

thought: Am I joyous when I feel Christ's presence? Am I sorrowful when He

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FOURTH WEEK: POPULARITY AND OPPOSITION.

SECOND DAY: MARK 2:21, 22. NEW WINE IN OLD
BOTTLES.

Wine-skins, v. 22. These were the bottles of that time and country. They were made of the skin of the goat.

The figure here is that the piece of new cloth sewed on, when wet, would shrink, and in shrinking would tear the old cloth; the new wine, put in the old wine-skins, in fermenting, would burst the weak skins.

"For flying it is not an improved caterpillar that is needed, it is a butterfly; it is not a caterpillar of finer color or more rapid movement, or larger proportions, it is a new creature." Gal. 6:15. *Neither is circumcision any thing but a new creature.*

Jesus was careful to use very simple comparisons.

Who came as one preparing the way for Jesus?

John the Baptist

How old was Jesus when He began His public ministry? Luke 3:23.

about 30 years.

Thought.



PRAYER: My Lord, I come confessing that too often I have tried by patching to make the old garment appear new. I beseech Thee to help me to understand that I cannot be partly honest and partly dishonest; that I cannot be partly pure and partly impure. May I see clearly that I should be completely what Thou wouldest have me to be. Amen.

Am I ²³compromising with
any sin?

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FOURTH WEEK: POPULARITY AND OPPOSITION.

THIRD DAY: MARK 2:23-28. ACCUSED OF BREAKING THE SABBATH.

Through the corn-fields, v. 23. "The roads were narrow foot-paths and the travellers had all the appearance of wading through the corn."

As soon as the disciples began to pluck the ears, the Pharisees spoke to Jesus. What would this imply as to the attitude of the Pharisees to Jesus?

"On the watch to find a matter of accusation" Sunday.

Corn, v. 23. This was very similar to our wheat.

To pluck ears was to *reap*, and to rub ears in the hand was to *thresh*, and these actions were forbidden on the Sabbath. See marginal reference for explanation. What great principle did Jesus announce as governing in such matters?

"What David did when he had need" Jesus lays stress on the necessity of David's need. What did He mean by verse 28? That he was above the Mosaic law and had a right to use the Sabbath as he chose.

"His doctrine was this: the Sabbath was meant to be a boon to man, not a burden; it was not a day taken from man in an exacting spirit, but a day given by God in mercy to man—God's holiday to His subjects."

Thought—Make Sunday a day of blessing—not of burden.

Memorize Ex. 20:8-11.

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FOURTH WEEK: POPULARITY AND OPPOSITION.

FOURTH DAY: READ CHAPTER I.

At what point in Christ's life does Mark begin his Gospel?

Baptism

How old was Jesus at that time?

About 30 yrs.

Write opposite these references the events referred to:

I:9-11. *Baptism of Jesus*

I:12, 13. *Proclamation*

I:14, 15. *Jesus Begins His Work.*

I:16-20. *Call of Simon, Andrew, James, John.*

I:21, 22. *Jesus teaches in the Synagogue*

I:23-28. *Cure of a possessed man.*

I:29-31. *Cure of Peter's mother-in-law.*

I:32-34. *" " many persons.*

I:35-38. *Jesus retires for prayer*

I:39. *Preaching tour of Galilee*

I:40-45. *Cure of a leper.*

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FOURTH WEEK: POPULARITY AND OPPOSITION.

FIFTH DAY: READ CHAPTER 2.

During the time of the events recorded in this chapter where was Jesus working?

Galilee

Which period of His ministry was this? Obscurity or Popularity?

Popularity

Mention anything showing that many sought Jesus at this time.

vs. 2 "such numbers of people collected"

Mention anything showing that opposition had been aroused.

*vs 7. Who can forgive sins except God?
vs 16. Does he walk in the co. of tax-gatherers?
vs 18. Why do not your disciples fast?*

Write out the things Jesus did, as recorded in Chap. 2.

- 1. Cured a paralysed man*
- 2. Called Levi*
- 3. Dined with him for his companionship*
- 4. Defended his disciples for (1) not fasting (2) plucking corn.*

"Strong Son of God, immortal Love,
Whom we, that have not seen Thy face,
By faith and faith alone embrace,
Believing where we cannot prove;

"Thou seemest human and divine,
The highest, holiest manhood, Thou:
Our wills are ours, we know not how;
Our wills are ours, to make them Thine."

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FOURTH WEEK: POPULARITY AND OPPOSITION.

SIXTH DAY: MARK 3:1-6. HE CURES A MAN WITH A WITHERED HAND.

Notice the attitude of the persons referred to in v. 2.
What answer would you give to His question in v. 4?

Do good.

Why did they not answer? *Their maxim was "He who neglects his own life when it is in his power is a murderer." They speak without our best teaching and they are silent.*

Notice the anger and grief of Jesus and their silence.

Herodians, v. 6. They were the political sympathizers with the family of Herod and were the natural enemies of the Pharisees. *indignation*

What does their joining with the Pharisees now indicate as to their feeling toward Jesus? *Opposition*

*It was their desire to crush any new power
See Evangelical P 93-4.*

What did Jesus do, notwithstanding their attitude?

Healed him.

How would you describe the trait in Jesus's character shown by His action here? *He met the issue*

Courage.

What are we told was Jesus's feeling toward the Pharisees? *Compassion, "He pitied their misery"*

One who can be grieved and angered can sympathize with me.

Mark is fond of using double terms, as in v. 5, "with anger, being grieved;" 1:45, "publish and spread abroad;" 5:3, "bind him, no, not with a chain."

"The aim of Christianity is to have the deformed transformed."

*Thoughts: Boldly face the issues
Do not let them drag
The transforming Power of Christianity. The*

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FOURTH WEEK: POPULARITY AND OPPOSITION.

SEVENTH DAY: MARK 3:7-12. GREAT POPULARITY.

Jesus is still in Capernaum.
Locate these places on the map.

Jerusalem was eighty miles from Capernaum. Estimate the distances of the other places. What do these facts indicate as to the feeling of the people?

Jesus was becoming very popular.

Note the use of "a great multitude" twice.

As showing His popularity at this time, compare vs. 1:28, 35-37, 45; 2:1-4, 15; 3:10, 11, 20; 5:31; 6:1, 31; 8:2.

It is evident that he was very popular.

What opinion did the sick have of Jesus? V. 10.

His touch was sufficient to heal.

Thoughts-

1. Do I know as much as the unclean spirits when they said "Thou art the son of God." V. 11
2. "As many as ²⁸ had plagues pressed upon him" (vs 10) - do I seek Jesus only when the plagues of life are upon me?

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FIFTH WEEK. CHOOSING HIS HELPERS.

FIRST DAY: MARK 3:13-19. HE CHOOSES TWELVE APOSTLES.

This is one of the most important events in the life of Jesus.

"Because Pharisaic hatred was becoming so threatening and popular enthusiasm was opening opportunities which He singly could not utilize, He felt His need both of companions and messengers." "He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them forth." v. 14.

Boanerges, which is sons of thunder, v. 17. What does this interpretation of Boanerges indicate as to the people for whom he wrote? *Not Jews but Roman Catholics see Sunday P.*

Why did Jesus want these men to be with Him before going out to work?

To teach them
How did He spend the night before choosing these men?
Luke 6:12. *In prayer*

Luke says He chose these from a larger number and gave them a new name. What was it? Luke 6:13.

What does "disciple" mean? *apostle* "An intimate follower"

What does "apostle" mean? *Delegated, ambassador or missionary, a man "sent forth" see Sunday P.*

Is there any reason why there should be twelve?

Reference to 12 tribes of Israel

What were their duties to be?

To be with Him (?) Send them forth to preach (3) Cast out devils

PRAYER: Blessed Master, canst Thou not see in me something which led Thee to choose these men? Wilt Thou not give me the joy of being with Thee, and then when I have been taught by Thee, wilt Thou not send me forth to carry Thy message, and, like Thee, to bind up the broken hearted? Amen.

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FIFTH WEEK. CHOOSING HIS HELPERS.

SECOND DAY: MARK 3:13-19. THE TWELVE APOSTLES.

The list of apostles is given four times. Matthew 10:1-4, Mark 3:16, Luke 6:14, Acts 1:63.

Notice the name always first and the one always last.

As far as you know what kind of men were they?

Simon Peter

Judas Iscariot

All but Judas were Galileans.

It has been conjectured that half of the apostles were relations of Jesus, and that many were near relations of each other.

Which of the twelve had been called before?

*Andrew, Peter, Philip, James, John
Matthew.*

Read Matt. 26:35, 70; 26:15; John 12:22; 20:24, 25; 1:46, and try to form some idea of the kind of men Jesus chose.

*Foeful, traitorous, selfish, foolish
intelligent. Common men*

Which three were His most intimate companions?

Mark 9:2, 14:33. *Peter, James, John.*

"These fishermen of Galilee were originally united not by a *creed*, but by an ideal—a standard of imitation. What they subscribed to was not an assent to certain doctrines; it was a promise of certain actions. They began and they ended with faith; but the beginning of their faith was not the signing of a confession; it was the expression of a desire to follow Jesus."

Thought Have you not begun to see in Jesus one whom it would be safe for you to follow?

"Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children, lost and lone."

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FIFTH WEEK. CHOOSING HIS HELPERS.

THIRD DAY: MATT. 5:1-12. THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT.

Having chosen His apostles, Jesus delivered to them an inaugural charge recorded in Matt. 5, 6, 7, describing the kind of people who should be in His kingdom, their character, privileges, and responsibilities, together with certain rules to govern their actions. Among them was included what we now call the Golden Rule, Matt. 7:12. Learn this verse. Remember that the Sermon on the Mount is recorded in Matt. 5, 6, 7. Its key-note is "Self-forgetfulness." The Beatitudes are recorded in Matt. 5.

Read vs. 1 to 12 and write down the kind of people that are blessed or happy.

*Poor in spirit = feel spiritual hunger & thirst
mourn = sorrow for sin 6. Pure = in thought for right
meek = mild gentle 7. Peace-makers*

Do you believe that Jesus knew best who were happy? Yes.

What effect did the address have on those who heard it? Matt. 7:28, 29.

Astonished them.

Having finished His sermon He and His disciples made another tour through Galilee, preaching, teaching, and healing.

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: "A boy in front of a good dinner has happiness of one kind. It is about the same grade of happiness that a dog has to whom you have just given a bone. So a boy with a good warm coat on, who is out in the storm, has a happiness somewhat like that of a cat lying in front of a warm fire. But is there no happiness higher than this? Surely. The boy who has mastered a difficult lesson, so that he feels he can pass a good examination, has a happiness far higher in grade than he who has only eaten a good dinner."

What kind of happiness have you been seeking this last week?

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FIFTH WEEK. CHOOSING HIS HELPERS.

FOURTH DAY: MARK 3:19-21. WHAT HIS FRIENDS
THOUGHT OF HIM.

"If the Master were beaten out of the world to-morrow,
there are some Christian people who wouldn't lose a cent."

"He cometh into a house," might read "He cometh
home." It was His custom to escape the crowd by retir-
ing to some home, 7:17, 28. Would He seek yours for
this purpose?

Compare v. 20 with 6:31 and try to picture His sur-
roundings at this time. *"What a picture of ~~chaos~~ ^{chaos} ~~messy~~ ^{messy}"*
Who is meant by "his friends?"

*His relatives including mother
and brethren.*

Read John 14:21 and say whether by this test you would
be classed among His friends. *also John 15:14 = "ye are
my friends, if ye do the things which I command you."*

What does "lay hold on him" mean?

T.C.N.T. says "to secure him"

"He is beside himself," means the same as "insane."

What does "it" in v. 21 mean?

"surging crowds, flooded streets, crowded doorways etc"

What made them think He was insane?

*Because the people flooded to Him
in such a wonderful way. What
would we think to-day?*

Thought -

*Am I a friend of Jesus,
take John 15:14 as a standard?*

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FIFTH WEEK. CHOOSING HIS HELPERS.

FIFTH DAY: MARK 3:22-30. ACCUSED OF BEING HELPED BY SATAN.

Beelzebub, v. 22. This was the title of a heathen deity to whom the Jews ascribed the sovereignty of evil spirits.

How far and in what direction was Jerusalem from Capernaum? *80 miles So.*

What does the fact that the Scribes had come all that way show as to their feeling toward Jesus?

It must have been intense
Compare v. 30 and state what accusation they make against Him in v. 22.

Demoniac possession

V. 23-27, "I can't use the power of Satan, for a kingdom divided against itself must fall. You don't accuse your sons of being in league with the devil because they do such things! If I do this by God's help, then the kingdom of God is here where I am. How could I enter Satan's kingdom unless I was stronger than he?"

Tell in your own words what these Pharisees thought of Him? *What they actually thought was no doubt, the opposite of their accusation.*

What does Jesus teach us in v. 27 about the way we should resist Satan?

"Bind him" = "face the issue"

taught Notice that Jesus was willing to meet them. They spoke insinuatingly to the people; He boldly "called them unto him," v. 23. He never feared them.

"By the prince of the devils he casteth out the devils," v. 22. "It was a lame theory, as Jesus showed; but it was at least conclusive that devils were cast out and in great numbers."

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FIFTH WEEK. CHOOSING HIS HELPERS.

SIXTH DAY: MARK 3:31-35. THE REAL RELATIONS OF JESUS.

Who was Jesus's mother? *Mary*

Who was her husband? *Joseph*

Jesus had brothers and sisters. Mark 6:3. It is supposed that Joseph died when Jesus was a child, and He was left to be the head of the family.

In v. 21 His friends seek to restrain Him; then His enemies accuse Him; now His relations come. See John 7:5, and state what the attitude of His relations was.

unbelief.
Who did He say were His real relations?

Whoever shall do the will of God.

"Ye are my friends if ye do whatever I command you."
John 14:21.

Obedience is the great test. See how much depends upon it, John 15:10; 1 John 3:22; 1 John 2:3-4. God helps those who obey. John 7:17. Memorize this verse.

Thought

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FIFTH WEEK. CHOOSING HIS HELPERS.

SEVENTH DAY: MARK 3:1-35.

In this chapter what is the attitude of the Pharisees toward Him?

Hostile

Give any reason you can think of for this attitude.

Christ's popularity.

What was the attitude of His friends and relations?

They thought him insane and did not believe.

During this time and notwithstanding this feeling, what does Jesus do? Vs. 5, 7, 10, 14.

Performs miracles, chooses disciples.

Are you ever discouraged because you have not been appreciated?

Notice His movements, vs. 1, 7, 13, 19. *synagogue, lake, hill, house*

Note the omission by Mark of the great discourse. *sermon on Mt.*

Note the crowds, vs. 7, 8, 9, 10, 20, 32.

An advance step in organization is described in vs. 13, 14. What was it?

Choosing of twelve.

Mark is fond of recording groups of miracles. See 1:32-34; 1:39; 3:10.

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: In Jesus Christ I see one who knows how to teach and who knows what I need to learn. "In him are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." O! that I might realize this to-day, for I am seeking wisdom and knowledge and come to Him with the prayer of the Psalmist, "Show me Thy ways, O! Lord; teach me Thy paths."

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SIXTH WEEK. TEACHING BY PARABLES.

FIRST DAY: MARK 4:1-9. THE DIFFERENT KINDS OF SOIL.

Picture the scene in v. 1; the sea-shore, the boat, the crowd.

Parable, v. 2. An earthly story with a heavenly meaning.

How does a parable differ from a fable? *The parables of our Lord differ from fables by their higher spiritual aim and the spiritual character of their incidents.* Sunday P. 10

This is a method of teaching Jesus has not used hitherto. As He sat there by the sea-shore, Jesus may have pointed to a man actually sowing seed.

Jesus mentions four kinds of soil:

V. 4. Way-side—beaten path.

V. 5. Rocky—thin soil over underlying rock.

V. 7. Thorns—occupied by other growths.

V. 8. Good ground.

What happened to the seed in each case?

V. 4. *Birds devoured it.*

Vs. 5, 6. *Seed scorched the ground*

V. 7. *Thorns choked it.*

V. 8. *Brought forth fruit.*

While you were reading the above passage which kind of soil would represent the condition of your heart?

Thought 2

There is one degree of unfruitfulness, and three causes.
Then is one cause of fruitfulness and three degrees.

cludes.

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SIXTH WEEK. TEACHING BY PARABLES.

SECOND DAY: MARK 4:1-9. THE DIFFERENT KINDS OF SOIL (*Continued*).

Write out vs. 3 to 8 in your own words.

A sower went forth to sow and his seed fell on four kinds of soil: - (1) wayside, (2) stony & thorny, (3) fruitful.

This parable is a sort of review of His ministry up to this time. His words had fallen upon all sorts of soil. In what we have studied can you remember illustrations of this? (1) *Nicodemus* ^{or the Pharisees} (2) *Herod* when he heard John

(3)

(4) *Apostles*

Notice the words used to describe the contact of the seed with the soil in each case:

V. 4. Some fell *by* the wayside.

V. 5. Fell *on* rocky ground.

V. 7. Fell *among* the thorns.

V. 8. Fell *into* the good ground.

"Thy word have I hid *in* my heart." Can you remember occasions in your own life when God's word fell thus into your heart?

Memorize Gal. 6:7.

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: *Who hath ears to hear let him hear*, v. 9. The teachers of the time used this phrase to call their scholars' attention to something especially important. O! may I hear the words of the great teacher as He asks me to listen to Him, and, listening, may I heed the gentle warnings that fall from His lips; and in these lessons day by day may I take *into* my heart the words He speaks to His disciples.

How does the seed fall as regards my heart, "by" or "on" or "among" or "into" it?

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SIXTH WEEK. TEACHING BY PARABLES.

THIRD DAY: MARK 4:10-20. THE PARABLE EXPLAINED.

Mark here, contrary to his custom, records at length the words of Jesus. It must have been because of their importance.

In the explanation of the parable which Jesus gives, He compares the different soils to hearers of God's word. (Luke 8:12.)

Explain in your own words the kinds of hearers intended by the following:

Wayside, v. 15. See v. 4. a heart hardened by all familiarity with divine things or by worldliness, or wilfulness.

Rocky places, v. 16. See v. 5.

Strong emotions, no perseverance

Among thorns, vs. 18, 19. See v. 7.

Good is overcome by things of the world

Good ground, v. 20. See v. 8.

Results in service.

Which class of hearers would you say you are usually in?

What characteristics of seed make it a good symbol of God's word? *very ready to grow.*

Do you hear the word, accept it, bear fruit? V. 20.

Are these lessons seed?

Vs. 11, 12. As His enemies grow stronger Jesus veils the truth in parables, so that those who wanted to learn it could. "He sifts and winnows his audience." It was like the pillar of fire: useful to the Israelites, but a hindrance to the Egyptians.

Thought. The lesson of this parable is of universal application. It is true of my study of any subject. If my mind is beaten hard by thoughts of games, or, if, instead of taking the subject I study deep down into my heart, I merely cram it, or if my mind is saturated with trashy stories, and literature worse than useless, there will be no fruit in after years—my school days will be wasted. May I receive my daily instruction "in an honest and good heart," "hold it fast and bring forth fruit with patience."

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SIXTH WEEK. TEACHING BY PARABLES.

FOURTH DAY: MARK 4:21-25. WARNINGS.

Jesus again uses the phrase, "If any man hath ears to hear let him hear." V. 23.

Lamp, v. 21. Shaped like a small plate or saucer with edge turned up at one side to hold the wick, containing a spoonful of oil.

Bed, v. 21. This is not the same Greek word as in 2:11. Here the word means couch; a lamp could not be put under the ordinary bed or mat.

Bushel, v. 21. Found in every Jewish house; it held about a peck.

See how much clearer v. 21 is in the Revised Version than in the Authorized Version.

In Matt. 5:13, 14 what did Jesus call His apostles?

Salt of the earth. Light of the world.

The thought in Mark 4:21 is that they, having the light, were bound to let it shine. "If we do not use, we lose." Can you remember some time when your light was shining?

Compare v. 25 with Luke 8:18 and tell what Jesus meant?

6-24-15
"Take heed what ye hear," v. 24. Do the things which I heard to-day and yesterday and last week make my heart like the wayside soil?

A fundamental principle of life.

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SIXTH WEEK. TEACHING BY PARABLES.

FIFTH DAY: MARK 4:26-29. THE BLADE, THE EAR,
AND THE FULL CORN.

Jesus had selected His apostles and had given them their instructions. This and the next parable were spoken to them by way of encouragement. This one seems to have been intended to teach them humility, dependence, faith, and patience.

What three stages of growth does Jesus mention?

The blade, the ear, the full corn
Are you ever impatient with your slow progress in the Christian life?

It is necessary

What does He say is the attitude of the farmer after sowing the seed?

patient

Are you satisfied to leave the result of your Christian work with God?

yes.

No one expects a seed to become a great tree as soon as planted: it takes time to become a mature Christian.

Thought

Begin the day with God,
He is thy Sun and Day;
He is the radiance of thy dawn,
To Him address thy lay.

Take thy first meal with God,
He is thy heavenly Food;
Feed with and on Him, He with thee
Will feast in brotherhood.

Thy first transaction be
With God Himself above;
So shall thy business prosper well,
And all the day be love.

*The beginning may be small, the
growth slow, but the result is sure*

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SIXTH WEEK. TEACHING BY PARABLES.

SIXTH DAY: MARK 4:30-32. THE PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED.

Read also Matt. 13:33.

Notice Mark's graphic touches—"less than all seeds that are upon the earth," "greater than all herbs," "putteth out great branches."

Mustard seed, v. 31. "As small as a grain of mustard seed" was a proverb of the time. Matt. 17:20. If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed

Don't be discouraged if in the beginning your faith seems to be small.

From what you know of God's kingdom in the world tell how the mustard seed is an appropriate symbol of its beginning in numbers, in character of adherents, in the place of its origin.

only twelve apostles, who ignorant and untrained men, from an insignificant and out-of-the-way province of the Roman Empire

What lesson is there here for us as to our spiritual life?

taught
A large and grand super-structure may be built from a small beginning

PRAYER: "O Lord, our Heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by Thy governance, may be righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

The difference between a grain of mustard seed and a great tree is nothing to that between a young convert and a glorified saint in heaven" Matt. Henry.

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SIXTH WEEK. TEACHING BY PARABLES.

SEVENTH DAY: MARK 4:33, 34. JESUS'S METHOD OF TEACHING.

Read also John 16:12-15.

Jesus showed His wisdom by leading His hearers from material things to spiritual. He has now used as illustrations in His talks: seed, various kinds of soil, the well-known gradual growth of plants, a lamp, a couch, and a measure. The great rule in teaching was followed by Him, "From the known to the unknown."

What lessons in God's goodness can we learn from the things about us?

In the realm of nature are numberless examples.

He suited His teachings to His hearers' ability, v. 33.

"The main object of the parable was to wake their wonder . . . not to conceal, it was to reveal that there was something hid."

"To His own disciples He expounded all things." See Ps. 25:14, and ask yourself: Is my life such that God would choose me as one to whom to tell His secrets?

thought

"Speak to me by name, O Master,
Let me know it is for me,
Speak, that I may follow faster,
With a step more firm and free;
Where the shepherd leads his flock
In the shadows of the rock."

The secret of Jehovah is with them that fear him and he will show them his covenant.

Illustrate with Abraham Gen 18:17

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SEVENTH WEEK. THE STORM AT SEA AND INSANE ON SHORE.

FIRST DAY: MARK 4:35-41. INTO THE STORM.

Mark is careful to note the time. "When even was come," v. 35. See also 1:35; 2:1; 6:2; 11:11.

Unto the other side, v. 35. Other side of what?

Sea of Galilee
The cushion of v. 38 was a leather seat used by the steersman.

Why do you suppose He wanted to cross the sea?

For just or perhaps he realize it was useless to teach them more
What does "even as he was" in v. 36 mean?

Without preparation for the journey.
What does the fact that He was asleep show as to His humanity?

Shows he was hungry, faint, worn

What was Jesus's attitude during the storm? *Perfect quiet*

Why was it that He could be so? *He had been doing his father's will.*

What was that of His disciples? *Disturbed*

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: Many rich experiences come to us in our daily life. These men were fishermen, accustomed to the sea; they were as familiar with this crossing as with crossing the street. Before being sent forth, however, they must learn their own helplessness and learn it on their own element, where they thought they were strongest. How often we boast of our own strength!

"As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush this ocean wild;
Boisterous waves obey Thy will
When Thou sayest to them, 'Be still.'
Wonderous sovereign of the sea,
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me."

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SEVENTH WEEK. THE STORM AT SEA AND INSANE ON SHORE.

SECOND DAY: MARK 4:35-41. INTO THE STORM (*Continued*).

Read the account and write down the details given by Mark.

*other boats with them - a great storm of winds -
vs. 38. They went into the boat - asleep on a pillow in the hinder part of the boat.*

He addressed the wind and sea as if He were their master, v. 39.

To Mark, Jesus is the one who speaks and it is done.

See 1:18, 20; 2:14; 3:5; 4:35.

What did He say to His disciples?

Why are ye fearful? Have ye not yet faith?

Remember they had already seen many miracles.

What effect did the whole event have on the disciples?

v. 41. *"They feared exceedingly"*

Notice that they were astonished not so much because He was able to still the storm, but that He did it with such evidence of authority.

Compare v. 39 with Psalm 106:9. *also Ps 107:29.* "He rebuked the Red Sea also and it was dried up." Surely we have here the same God who centuries before led the children of Israel out of Egypt by his mighty power. But notice that Jesus manifested the power in gentleness and love.

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: "Jesus of Nazareth is something more than the Christ of history—a blessed memory; or the Christ of prophecy—a sublime hope; He is the Christ of to-day, and of every day, a living reality in our lives, a very present help in time of need. Faith lays hold upon Him as one who is ever with us in the Church, in the household, and in the world. He is the close companion of our daily lives. We walk the hard hillroads of life with burning hearts because He bears us company. We pass through valleys or death shades with fearless step led by His invisible hand. In the glory of His presence toil and pain are transfigured."

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SEVENTH WEEK. THE STORM AT SEA AND INSANE ON SHORE.

THIRD DAY: MARK 3:19-4:34. ONE DAY IN JESUS'S
LIFE.

"They take Him with them even as He was," v. 36.
"I take this to mean that He was not in a condition for physical exertion, for rendering nautical help. One of His human hours was upon Him; He was weary with the burden of the day. Almost immediately after starting, nature asserts itself and He slept."

Try to realize what a day this had been.

The swarming crowds, 3:20, 32; 4:1.

The wrong ideas entertained about Him, 3:21, 22, 31.

His wearisome defences, 3:23.

His preaching, 4:2-33.

His personal interviews, 4:10, 34.

The misunderstanding disciples, 4:40.

He suggests that they leave the crowd, 4:35.

Truly this was the mighty worker.

PRAYER: "Glorify Thy Holy name, O God, through us in a fruit-bearing day. Help us to abide in Christ that we may share His life and do His work. If the channels of our thought and our desire are choked with sin, purge us that we may bring forth more fruit. In morning hours of toil, in noontime rest, in the works that draw to an end with the sun setting, and in our evening thoughts or cares abide Thou with us and make our hearts glad in Thee. The night's rest and the new strength the morning brings for soul and body are from Thee, and Thine shall be our praise in every gain and effort, in every joy and grief, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

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SEVENTH WEEK. THE STORM AT SEA AND INSANE ON SHORE.

FOURTH DAY: MARK 5:1-5. HE MEETS AN INSANE
MAN.

What sea was this?

Galilee

Why had they crossed the sea?

Because Jesus proposed it in vs. 35

The Country of the Gerasenes, v. 1. In the district called Gaulonitis on the eastern side of the lake. See vs. 11 and 13 for further details of the place. See map.

Describe, in your own words, the condition of the man mentioned in v. 2 as given in vs. 2-5. See also Matt. 8:28-^{exceedingly} and Luke 8:27 ^{man} for further details.

A man with an unclean spirit, who could not be bound or tamed but cried out and cut himself.

What does the word "tame," v. 4, show as to the man's condition?

He was wild and fierce

Out of the Tombs, v. 2. "These tombs were either natural caves or recesses hewn by art out of the rock. Such places were regarded as unclean because of the dead men's bones which were there. Such tombs can still be traced in more than one of the ~~v~~avines on the eastern side of the lake."

"Amid all the boasted civilization of antiquity, there existed no hospitals, no penitentiaries, no asylums; and unfortunates of this class, being too dangerous and desperate for human intercourse, would only be driven forth from among their fellow-men, and restrained from mischief by measures at once inadequate and cruel." *Barra*

Try to imagine what the world would be without Christianity.

Thought

No fetter or chain of our own can bind sin, ⁴⁶ Christ alone can do it.

See Daily Bible No. 14.

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SEVENTH WEEK. THE STORM AT SEA AND INSANE ON SHORE.

FIFTH DAY: MARK 5:6-14. THE INSANE MAN.

What did the man do when he saw Jesus?

He ran and worshipped him and said to

Why do you suppose Jesus asked the man's name?

To calm him.

What did the answer "My name is Legion" mean?

a reference to the Roman Legion - the fearful instrument of oppression

What request was made in v. 10? See also Luke 8:31.

Worth to send them out of the country "or as Luke says into the abyss" - i.e. the abyss of Hades.

Swine feeding, v. 11. Although the Jews did not eat pork, the Romans did, and these pigs may have been kept to supply the Roman soldiers stationed in the country.

Why Jesus permitted the evil spirits to enter the swine we do not know. Some part of the reason may be found in the fact that if the owners were Jews the trade was illegal; if heathen, they insulted the national religion. In any event the destruction of the 2,000 swine was a striking proof of the power which Jesus must have possessed and of the terrible power from which He had been able to deliver the man.

What happened to the keepers? *They fled.*

How did the news affect the inhabitants? *They came to see what had happened -*

Are men possessed of evil spirits now? *Perhaps not in the same literal sense, but without doubt figuratively.*

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Do I know what this insane man knew? "Jesus, thou son of the most high God."

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SEVENTH WEEK. THE STORM AT SEA AND INSANE ON SHORE.

SIXTH DAY: MARK 5:15-20. THE EFFECT OF THE MIRACLE.

What effect did the miracle have on the people? Vs.

15, 17, 20.

They felt more selfish vexation at the loss of the cure than grateful pleasure at the cure of the man.

On the man? Vs. 15, 18, 20?

made him normal, sought to go with Jesus published abroad the fact.

Try to picture the scene of v. 16: the few who witnessed the event telling the crowd about it.

Why did they want Jesus to leave their country?

They feared he would destroy them.

Can you think of any business to-day where the proprietors would not care to have Jesus?

Salvages etc

Why would not Jesus let the man go with Him? *He needed to begin with his own people.*

Have you ever felt uncomfortable in the presence of a man of evident spiritual power? *The cured lunatic was his countryman was*

Mention what the man gave up and what he received.

insanity and a worse than useless life for

What did the man want to do?

Go with Jesus.

What did he have to do?

Go Home.

Locate Decapolis, v. 20. *See Lindsay P. 116*

for list of the Ten Towns.

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: "Go to thy house and to thy friends and tell them."

To be a missionary at home where one is well known is sometimes harder than to follow Jesus into unknown regions. The light must shine first at home. We must be Christians among our friends.

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SEVENTH WEEK. THE STORM AT SEA AND INSANE ON SHORE.

SEVENTH DAY: MARK 5:1-20. THE INSANE MAN.

Why was it that Jesus crossed the sea?

*Because of a hard day's teaching and his
listeners understood not.*

Apparently, did He get much rest? *No.*

Compare "in his right mind," v. 15, with the first sentence in Luke 15:17. = *came to himself.*

Why can such similar phrases be used of this man in Mark and the man in Luke? = *Prodigal son was outside*

himself.

When the people from the city came out where did they find the man? See Luke 8:35.

"At the foot of Jesus"

Why do you suppose he wanted to be there?

*Gratitude
ashamed of his countrymen's action, felt
safe near his savior.*

Memorize Matt. 11:28, 29, 30.

thought
PRAYER: "Possess my soul, O Christ! I feel that something must possess me. My heart cannot be its own master; it must be ruled either from above or below. Come and take the place from which my higher self has fled. Come and restrain the advance of the lower man. Come and make me Thy captive forevermore. I shall own no other Master when I am possessed by Thee. Amen."

*The suggestions for leaders on
this study ⁴⁹ are excellent in thought*

for "Travelers" on this week's study are
excellent.

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EIGHTH WEEK. DAYS OF POWER.

FIRST DAY: MARK 5:21-24. THE APPEAL OF JAIRUS.

Ruler of the Synagogue, v. 22. Each synagogue had a college of elders who conducted the worship and exercised discipline.

Jesus now goes back to the populous side of the lake.

What shows that the people expected His return?

"A great multitude was gathered. Jesus says they could see the boat where it started."

The words *I pray thee*, v. 23, are in italics. Words printed in italics in the Bible are not in the original text, but are inserted in the English translation to give the sense.

What does v. 23 show as to Jairus's attitude toward Jesus?

Humble.

Believe in prayer and you will pray believingly.

What brought him to Jesus?

His faith

What did he think it necessary for Jesus to do? V. 23.

"lay thy hands on her."

What did Jesus do?

vs 41 say "taking the child by the hand he said unto her 'arise'"

Thought. *What may we learn from the fact that here He left the great crowd to go to help one little girl?*

Nothing is insignificant even the least are Christ's brethren.

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EIGHTH WEEK. DAYS OF POWER.

SECOND DAY: MARK 5:25-29. THE WOMAN IN THE CROWD.

Notice that Jesus was on His way to the home of Jairus. "Such overflowing grace is in Him the Prince of life, that, as He was hastening to accomplish one work of grace and power, He accomplishes another, as by the way."

A woman, v. 25. Her disease made her ceremonially unclean. She could go to no social gathering, to no synagogue; her friends would think her a sinful woman justly punished.

Notice Mark's details in v. 26.

Luke says she had spent all her money trying to be cured. Luke 8:43.

Why did she come to Jesus?

"Having heard the things concerning Jesus."

Do the things which you have heard about Him draw you to Him?

Yes.

Why "in the crowd behind" "garment?" V. 27.

He expected to find a miracle for himself — It had a sacred significance

What does v. 28 show as to her faith?

See Luke

It was absolute.

But not blind.

Ignorant faith is better than no faith.

How did her faith differ from that of Jairus? V. 23.

It was different in that seemed to think that the miracle was a natural instead of a gracious outgrowth of power

How does this miracle differ from all others that we know about?

It occurred before he gave definite attention to her.

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EIGHTH WEEK. DAYS OF POWER.

THIRD DAY: MARK 5:30-34. THE WOMAN IN THE CROWD.

"For if our virtues did not go forth of us, 'twere all alike as if we had them not."

How did Jesus know someone had touched Him? Compare Luke 8:46.

He perceived that power had gone forth

It costs something to do good.

Does v. 31 indicate to your mind that the disciples did not like the interruption?

Perhaps so

Notice that when Jesus stopped the woman was already cured.

Why did He stop? Because he wanted to teach the woman that faith and not superstition had wrought the cure - Sunday is excellent p. 179.

Describe the scene in your own words.

woman touches - Christ pauses - woman confesses Christ comforts her.

Mention some of the hindrances in the woman's way.

she was ceremonially unclean, her touch made unclean, it was thought to be a consequence of sinful deeds.

Did it pay her to overcome them? *Yes.*

Jesus always stops at the cry of a sinner. Luke 18:40. *Blind Bartimaeus*

"Many thronged, but one touched." How did her touch differ from the touch of others?

There was a touch of faith. See Sunday P. 179.

Are you merely among a crowd of followers of Jesus, or are you in personal contact with Him?

thought. Many throng Jesus: He is in name, near to Him: in actual contact with the sacraments and ordinances of His church; yet not touching Him, because not drawing nigh in faith.
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EIGHTH WEEK. DAYS OF POWER.

FOURTH DAY: MARK 5:35-43. HE HEALS JAIRUS'S DAUGHTER.

The scene in the home. V. 38. "The Jews, like other Eastern nations, hired professional mourners whose duty it was to indulge in signs of grief; to beat on their breasts, to utter loud groans, and to shed false tears."

What do vs. 35 and 40 show about their idea of Jesus's power?

Why did He take only the disciples mentioned in v. 37?

How many were in the room with Jesus? V. 40.

Is there anything in v. 40 that indicates why He turned them all out?

They must have thought it limited
They were to enjoy close intimacy.
But, faint - 3 disciples.

Laughter him to a com. "duly real"
mourners were to be comforted
Talitha cumi, v. 41, is Aramaic; Mark tells what it means; what does this show about the people for whom he wrote?

Gentiles and probably Romans.
These are the very words Jesus spoke. They help, therefore, to determine the language He used. "It is altogether probable that in His common dealings with men, and in His teachings, Jesus used this language [Aramaic]. Greek was the language of the Government and of trade, and in a measure the Jews were a bi-lingual people. Jesus may have had some knowledge of Greek, but it is unlikely that He ever used it to any extent, either in Galilee or in Judea, or in the regions of Tyre and Sidon."

How did this miracle affect those who saw it?

Remember that some of them had already seen the miracle in Luke 7:11-17.

Why did this one affect them in this way?

They were amazed with a great amazement.
Thurs faith was small -
"That no man should know this," v. 43. Compare with 5:19 and state why one command was the opposite of the other.

In this miracle Christ seems to desire
to express the excitement so that the
manifestation of power would not be dull
With the insincere man it was otherwise

Feared not, only believe, or 37

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EIGHTH WEEK. DAYS OF POWER.

FIFTH DAY: MARK 4:35-5:43. ANOTHER DAY IN JESUS'S LIFE.

A day of power. At what point in His ministry is He now?

Period of popularity

Make a list of the miracles of this day.

Stilling tempest, Tinsane man, Jairus' daughter, woman with issue of blood

In these miracles over what did Jesus in each case exercise His power?

Wound, evil spirit, sickness, disease = natural laws
nature, mental disease, death, bodily disease

Notice that He was able to heal mental and bodily ills.

What was the effect of each miracle on those who saw?

Healed 4:41, 5:17, Amazed 5:45.

Has Jesus this same power to-day?

Certainly

What can you say about the faith of those who this day sought His help?

lack of faith, no faith, some faith, great faith

Notice the direct discourse in each case, 4:39; 5:34, 41.

PRAYER: "O God, whose mercy makes each morn a new beginning of opportunity and strength, so uphold and strengthen us in Thine infinite compassion that we may serve Thee this day in child-like love and glad obedience. If we have sinned and awake to consciousness with shame and contrition of heart, bring to our thought the sense of Thy long-suffering pity, and the promise of Thy aid. Out of the wreck of larger hopes and forfeited occasions enable us to build our lives as a temple to Thine honor. In the hour of temptation be Thou our shield. In the uplifting of our joy be Thou our deepest satisfaction. Teach us the lesson of self-forgetfulness that we may lose our gloomy fears in thoughts of Thee and in happy service to others. So may our day be spent in quiet work and restful faith, to Thine eternal glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

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EIGHTH WEEK. DAYS OF POWER.

SIXTH DAY: MARK 6:1-3. AT HOME AGAIN.

He went out from thence, v. 1. Whence?

His own country, v. 1. What place does this indicate?

What did He do on the Sabbath? V. 2.

What was it that astonished them?

Do the questions in vs. 2, 3 come from one or a number of people?

What did they mean by "these things" in v. 2?

What was their opinion of Him?

What do we learn here about His family life and His occupation?

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: "The greatest being, confessedly, that ever appeared on this earth, was Jesus of Nazareth; and yet all that we are told of eighteen years of His life is that He was a carpenter. He is an example to us of virtuous, self-denying, persevering industry. He ennobled all toil by becoming Himself a toiler. There is many a foolish youth who deems labor degrading and idleness respectable. Let the lesson be impressed upon the mind of such, that occupation, however lowly, is beneficent and noble."

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EIGHTH WEEK. DAYS OF POWER.

SEVENTH DAY: MARK 6:4-6. HOW UNBELIEF AFFECTED HIM.

Read in connection with this week's study "The Honor Roll of Faith." Heb. 11.

What did He mean by v. 4? *see Stalker's 16*

What was a prophet? V. 4.

See Matt. 13:58 and state why "He could there do no mighty work."

Does this explain some of your unanswered prayers?

What caused Him to marvel?

Why do you suppose He marvelled?

Is the reason of Matt. 13:58 applicable in your life to-day?

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: "Christ never failed to distinguish between doubt and unbelief. Doubt is *can't* believe; unbelief is *won't* believe. Doubt is honesty; unbelief is obstinacy. Doubt is looking for light; unbelief is content with darkness."

Memorize John 3:36.

"Born within a lowly stable, where the cattle round me stood,

Trained a Carpenter in Nazareth, I have toiled and found it good.

"They who tread this path of labor follow where my feet have trod;

They who walk without complaining do the holy will of God."

*The Spiritual lessons in "Suggrashu
to Teachers" in this work's study are
excellent.*

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NINTH WEEK. HIS FRIENDS AND HIS ENEMIES.

FIRST DAY: MARK 6:6. READ ALSO MATT. 9:35. A
PREACHING TOUR.

Rejected by the people of His own village, He starts out
to tell the good news of salvation to others!

How often is it recorded so far that Jesus went about
preaching?

*This is the third tour {1:14
6:36*

These tours were a sort of training of the disciples in
their future work.

What would He preach?

Matt says "the gospel of the kingdom"

Who would be with Him on these journeys? See
Mark 15:41; Acts 1:21.

The disciples, other men and women -

Where would they lodge?
Khan(?)

What does He want His disciples to do in the world?

Teach and preach -

PRAYER: "O Lord God, strong and mighty, we would
draw near to Thee confessing our weakness, beseeching
Thee to make us strong. We would be strong in body,
that we may do our work in life well and cheerfully. We
would be strong in heart, full of courage, holding pain
and danger cheap when they lie in the way of duty. We
would be strong in love; make us warm-hearted, true
friends, loving our neighbors as ourselves and loving Thee
with all our heart and soul and strength. We would be
strong in faith, ever trusting in the victory of good over
evil; strong in hope, undaunted by seeming defeat, al-
ways looking beyond the mists and clouds of time into
the clear shining of the eternal life; strong in patience,
bearing our burdens, suffering our pains quietly and with-
out reproach toward men or rebellion against Thee. Hear
our Prayer, O Lord, who art our strength and our Re-
deemer, for Christ's sake. Amen."

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NINTH WEEK. HIS FRIENDS AND HIS ENEMIES.

SECOND DAY: MARK 6:7-11. HE SENDS OUT THE APOSTLES.

They have had their training, now they are sent out. It seems sometimes as if we wanted to spend all our lives in training. Jesus wants us to go out.

Wallet, v. 8. Used specially to carry food.

Money, v. 8, literally *brass*. See marginal note in Authorized Version for explanation.

Purse, v. 8. The girdle which held the tunic was wound round the body below the breast, one of its ends having been turned up and stitched in such a way as to form a convenient pocket for carrying coins and other small articles.

Two coats, v. 9. "Take no extra clothing, go as you are."

Shake off the dust, v. 11. This was regarded as a complete renunciation of all further responsibility. For illustrations see Acts 13:51 and 18:6.

How did He send them out?

two by two and without preparation for physical wants.

Give some reasons why it would be advisable to send them out in this way. Eccl. 4:9-12.

encourage each other.

What authority did He give them? V. 7. See also Luke 9:1.

over unclean spirits and to cure diseases.

What kind of a man must He have been to give such authority?

divine.

Notice that Mark omits nearly all of the commission given them at this time just as he omits the Sermon on the Mount.

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: "The only religion that can do anything for me is the religion that makes me want to do something for you. The missionary enterprise is not the Church's afterthought. It is Christ's forethought. It is primal and vital."

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NINTH WEEK. HIS FRIENDS AND HIS ENEMIES.

THIRD DAY: MARK 6:12, 13. THE APOSTLES AT WORK.

The apostles were not *advocates*, they were witnesses.
What did they do in obedience to the command?

went out and preached.

What success did they have? See Luke 9:6.

They preached the gospel and healed everywh

What does the first part of Mark 6:14 show about the measure of their fame?

*And King Herod heard thereof.
It was wide spread*

Do you imagine that they were able to do these things because Jesus told them to? *He gave them the power.*

so v. 12 How is it to-day; does His command enable us to do what He commands?

Yes.

Anointed with oil, v. 12. "Anointing the sick with oil has always been a favorite remedy in the East. And in the hot climate it serves certain purposes not thought necessary in colder regions."

Memorize Rom. 1:16.

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NINTH WEEK. HIS FRIENDS AND HIS ENEMIES.

FOURTH DAY: MARK 6:14-16. HEROD.

King Herod, v. 14. He was not a king, in the sense in which the word is ordinarily used, but was the ruler of a fourth part of the country ruled by his father, Herod the Great, that is, over Galilee and Perea.

"The country was completely under the mighty Roman power, which had extended its sway over the whole civilized world. It was divided into several small portions, which the foreigners held under different tenures, as the English at present hold India. Galilee and Perea were ruled by petty kings, sons of that Herod under whom Jesus was born, who occupied a relation to the Roman Emperor similar to that which the subject Indian kings hold to the Queen."

What was it Herod heard? V. 14.

the miracles of Jesus.

What made him think John had risen from the grave?

His guilty conscience

Who was meant by "it" in v. 15?

Jesus

What made them think it was Elijah?

Mal 4:5 prophecies it

Why would they think it was a prophet?

Because of the works

What was it that was troubling Herod? Compare vs. 16 and 20.

Because he beheaded him when he knew he was righteous

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: "It is John, whom I beheaded." Not simply "It is John." What was it, Herod, that made you think of the beheading, while others thought of John? How was it that when you heard of Jesus you thought of this man whom you had beheaded?

Guilty conscience

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NINTH WEEK. HIS FRIENDS AND HIS ENEMIES.

FIFTH DAY: MARK 6:17-29. JOHN'S MURDER.

Who had killed John? V. 16.

Herod Antipas.

How do you reconcile this statement with that in v. 20?

The two passages show the weak vacillating character of Herod, now desirous of protecting John, now fearing Herodias and desiring to please her.

What did Herod think of John?

Knowing that he was a righteous man and a

What is the meaning of the expression, "When he heard him he was much perplexed?" V. 20.

His conscience was at work but he was not mean enough to do one thing - put away Herodias

Have you ever heard things that have caused this state of mind in you?

How about the life-work question?

From v. 20 what kind of a man would you say John was?

Holy, righteous, courageous.

Why did Herodias hate John?

Because John told Herod he ought to put her away (vs 18)

A birthday supper, v. 21. This would not be favored by the Jews, but Herod imitated the Roman Emperors. Would you rather be upstairs with Herod, or downstairs with John?

With John.

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: The Revised Version has in the margin "He did many things," instead of "He was much perplexed," v. 20. But he did not do the *one* thing. How easy it is sometimes to act as Herod did; how hard to do the *one* thing! Having found the one thing I lack, help me, O Master, to do it; may I not try to smother my conscience in a multitude of duties.

Also vs 18

"John said" It was dangerous to offend Herod

but more dangerous to offend God by not reforming. Let us give offense men, but not God. This is the thing

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NINTH WEEK. HIS FRIENDS AND HIS ENEMIES.

SIXTH DAY: MARK 6:17-29. JOHN'S MURDER (Continued).

Did Herod want to kill John? V. 26. *No.*

Tell the story of how he happened to do it?

He put him in prison for Herodias sake who desired to kill him. On his birthday Herodias' daughters danced and pleased Herod; He promised much; she asked John.

She pleased Herod, v. 22. "The man who surrenders himself to his sensuous nature lets the horses get the bit between their teeth and is sure to come to grief."
See what Paul did, 1 Cor. 9:26, 27.

See also the effect of being in the hands of a wicked woman.

Notice in v. 25, "straightway," "with haste," "forthwith," why all this hurry?

Because they know it is all wicked.

If Herod knew it was wrong to kill John, why did he do it?

To please Herodias i. e. he was a servant to sin.

Thought. Are there any Herods in your school or among your friends?

What did John's disciples do? See also Matt. 14:12.

Buried John and went and told Jesus

John's epitaph might be, "Here lies one who never feared the face of man."

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NINTH WEEK. HIS FRIENDS AND HIS ENEMIES.

SEVENTH DAY: MARK 6:1-29.

Where was Jesus now? *Nazareth.*

Write opposite these references the events referred to:

6:1-3. *Teaching in Synagogue at Nazareth.*

4-6. *Power of unbelief.*

7-11. *Commissioning the twelve.*

12, 13. *The apostles at work.*

14-16. *Herod thinks Jesus is the Baptist.*

17-29. *Murder of John the Baptist.*

"I trust I have not wasted breath:

I think we are not wholly brain,

Magnetic mockeries; not in vain,

Like Paul with beasts, I fought with death.

"Not only cunning casts in clay:

Let Science prove we are, and then

What matters Science unto men,

At least to me? I would not stay.

"Let him the wiser man who springs

Hereafter, up from childhood shape

His actions like the greater ape,

But I was *born* to higher things."

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TENTH WEEK. RESTING, WORKING,
PRAYING.

FIRST DAY: MARK 6:30-33. THE FIRST MISSIONARY
CONFERENCE.

Where did they go now? *Across the Sea of Galilee to Bethsaida (Fish-town)*

This portion of His ministry is characterized by certain journeys of flight. This is the first one.

Why did Jesus go to the other side of the lake? See Matt. 14:13; Mark 6:31. = *For rest.*

Because of the murder of John and by crossing he got out of Herod's territory

Into what kind of a place did they go?

Desert place

Where had the disciples been? V. 7.

On their preaching tour.

From what were they trying to escape? V. 31.

the multitude so they could rest and eat.

What did the people do?

"Ran about thither" around the north end of the Lake.

How did Jesus take the interruption? See Luke 9:11.

*Welcomed the multitude and healed those need-
ing it*

Compare Mark 4:38, John 4:6, and Mark 6:31, and state what these verses show about the humanity of Jesus.

Mark IV:38 = "He was asleep on the cushion" Come and rest a while.

John 4:6 = "Jesus, being wearied, sat by the well."

Memorize Psalm 23. The tenth chapter of John has been called the Shepherd Chapter.

vs 33. "He who is in earnest to go to the will let no trouble hinder him"

*Thought
of
Luke 9:11*

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TENTH WEEK. RESTING, WORKING, PRAYING.

SECOND DAY: MARK 6:34-44. HE FEEDS MORE THAN
FIVE THOUSAND.

This is the only miracle recorded by all four gospels;
is there any reason for this?

It marked the turning point in his career. It was the climax of his popularity.

At what time of the day was it? *Between 3 and 5 in the P.M.*

The presence of Jesus will turn a wilderness into paradise.

About how many were there? *5000 men*

When Jesus saw the people how did the sight affect Him? V. 34. *He had compassion on them"*

How did it affect the disciples? See Matt. 14:15

"Send them away" yet they were charitable
see Luke 9:13

How often is it true that this is the way we treat those
in need when the Master welcomes them. See Matt.
15:23; Mark 10:13, 14.

What reason can you give for His refusal to make bread,
in Matt. 4:3, 4, and His willingness here?

Satisfy Satan
Mark makes his account vivid by noticing the gestures
and movements of Jesus; as in Mark 6:41. See also
3:5, 34; 5:30-32; 7:34; 10:23; 11:11.

"The restless millions wait

The light whose dawning maketh all things new:

Christ also waits, but men are slow and late.

Have we done all we could? Have I? Have you?

A cloud of witnesses above encompass,

We love to think of all they see and know;

But what of this great multitude in peril,

Who sadly wait below?

Oh, let this thrilling vision daily move us

To earnest prayer and deeds before unknown,

That souls redeemed from many lands may join us,

When Christ brings home His own."

Thought. Have I compassion for the multitude
"The Lord sacrificed for men
His retirement"

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TENTH WEEK. RESTING, WORKING, PRAYING.

THIRD DAY: MARK 6:34-44. HE FEEDS MORE THAN
FIVE THOUSAND (Continued).

"If I feed a destitute crowd in Galilee, it is because
I myself experienced destitution at the well of Jacob."

Write out the story of vs. 35-42.

at this time, disciples urge Him to send crowd away, but Christ
said Give ye them to eat, Christ asks how much they
have and then commands them to sit down by companies
and he fed them

How did it happen that there was such a crowd there?
John 6:4.

They were going to the Passover.

Before breaking the bread what did Jesus do? Mark
6:41.

Blessed it

Are the suppers which you attend like the one in v. 21,
or in v. 41?

Herod's birthday feast or Christ's food

In what respect is this miracle an argument for foreign
missions? *for the same*

Give ye them to eat." vs 37

thought

Give ye them to eat, v. 37. Duty is not measured by
ability.

How much did each of the five thousand get? V. 42. *enough*

How much did each disciple? V. 43. *a basket full.*

Does this illustrate Acts 20:35? = *"I have blessed*

to give them to receive"

thoughts.

All were fed. Jesus fed not the first row
he fed all.

"What are these among so many?" Did I say it?

Christ uses apparently insignificant means

Give ye them to eat. When he commands the enable

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TENTH WEEK. RESTING, WORKING,
PRAYING.

FOURTH DAY: MARK 6:45, 46. PRAYING.

"The picture given is a beautiful one. The disciples leave the shore in their boat to row across the lake; the crowds gradually disperse, returning on foot, for the most part, across the plain to regain the western shore by going round the north margin of the lake. Jesus retires to the high ground to spend the calm eastern night in solitary communion with His Father in lonely prayer for the disciples on the sea and the crowds on the land. He who had constant communion with the Father even in the most crowded throng, was yet so much man that He yearned for silent prayer and lonely fellowship. He who was incapable of distraction went aside to pray."

What did the disciples want to do with the people? V.
36.

"Send them away"

Who really went away first?

the disciples.

What did Jesus do when He was alone after the people went away?

*departed into the mountain
to pray.*

What effect did this miracle have upon the people?

John 6:14, 15.

"They said this is of a truth the prophet that cometh into the world" and desired to make him king "by force".

How did it affect the disciples? Mark 6:52.

*They understood not the miracle
yet their hearts were hardened.*

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*thought If Jesus needed to pray, do I not
need it daily?*

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TENTH WEEK. RESTING, WORKING, PRAYING.

FIFTH DAY: MARK 6:47-52. WALKING ON THE WATER.

Fourth Watch, v. 48. "The proper Jewish reckoning recognized only three watches: (1) The first or beginning of the watches from sunset to 10 P.M. (Lam. 2:19); (2) the middle watches, from 10 P.M. to 2 A.M. (Judg. 7:19); (3) the morning watch, from 2 A.M. to sunrise (Ex. 14:24; 1 Sam. 11:11). After the Roman supremacy the number was increased to four, sometimes called first, second, etc., as here; sometimes by the terms even, closing at 9 P.M.; midnight; cock-crowing, at 3 A.M.; morning, at 6 A.M."

Who had persuaded the disciples to go into the boat? *Jesus*

What was their condition and how long had it been so?

Distressed for about six or nine hours

Does God put His children into places of danger?

It seems so

Why do you suppose He would have passed them by?

Compare Luke 24:28.

To test them

What does v. 52 mean?

Implies sluggish intellect

Why does Mark omit the story of Peter's effort to walk on the water, although Matthew gave it?

He is rather clumsy

telling us of Christ the Worker

feeling

"So I am watching quietly every day,

Whenever the sun shines brightly I rise and say,

Surely it is the shining of His face—

And look unto the gates of His high place

Beyond the sea;

For I know He is coming shortly

To summon me.

And when the shadow falls across the windows

Of the room

Where I am working my appointed task,

I lift my head and watch the door, and ask

If He is come—

And the angel answers sweetly, in my home—

Only a few more shadows and He will come."

31. 48 *He saw them*

48 *Cometh to them*

50 *Thus I, do not afraid*

} See Sunday

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TENTH WEEK. RESTING, WORKING,
PRAYING.

SIXTH DAY: MARK 6:53-56. GREAT CROWDS SEEK
HIM.

Gennesaret, v. 53. "A crescent-shaped plain on the northwest shore of the lake, about two miles and one-half in length and about one in breadth." Locate it on the map. *See Map P. 72 of Sunday.*

What did the people do?

Carried about on their beds those that were sick.

What led them to act in this way?

They knew of his healing power

Why do you suppose they thought they would be healed by touching His clothes?

The towel was supposed to be peculiarly sanctified.

John tells us that Jesus spoke to the people and showed them that He came not to supply bodily wants, but to be the bread of life. (John 6:52-59.) This caused many disciples who had been looking for an earthly kingdom to desert Him, so that He said pathetically to the twelve chosen ones, "Would ye also go away?"

PRAYER: "O God, our Heavenly Father, who hast taken thought for us in the night watches, bless us also in the opportunities of this new day. Help us with willing hearts to spend its moments in Thy service. In coming and in going, in labor and in rest, in care and pleasure, grant us Thy companionship for sympathy and aid. If the day in its unvarying course brings no changes, through the still hours may the sunlight of Thy presence glow. Help us to bear true witness in simplicity of heart to find our joy in little things, to help men toward the Christ-like life in kindly service, and to cherish high ambitions of obedience to our Lord. So crown our days with strength and peace, O God, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Amen."

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TENTH WEEK. RESTING, WORKING, PRAYING.

SEVENTH DAY: MARK 6:1-56. FRIENDS AND ENEMIES.

Trace on the outline map the journeys of Jesus as recorded in this chapter.

See Sunday P 77

What is said in the chapter about the feeling of different ones toward Him? Vs. 2, 3, 15, 16, 50, 51, 56.

- (2) astonished (16) John the Bapt. (37) B sought him
(3) offended (50) troubled
(5) a prophet (51) sore amazed (56) let touch garment

What is said about Jesus's opinion of others? Vs. 4, 6,

31, 34, 46, 48, 50.

- (4) a prophet is not without honor save in his own country
(6) marvelled 46. He went to pray
(31) They needed rest (48) Seeing them distressed
(34) Had compassion (50) Be not afraid.

Who would you say received the greatest blessing in the feeding of the five thousand—Jesus, the crowd, or the disciples? Why?

*Jesus because he went to pray
Not the crowd nor disciples vs 52.*

The loaves and fishes belonged to a little boy and were all he had. (John 6:9.) But he gave his all to Jesus, and received a blessing. It was so with the widow who "cast in all her living"—two mites. Is it so to-day?

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: "That the period immediately after rising should be scrupulously consecrated to God; that the earliest thoughts of the day should be filled with God; that the homage of self-dedication should be renewed before starting on another pilgrimage; that we should listen to His small voice of warning or encouragement as it issues from His written word, or from the inner consciousness, or from the outer world—all this is so essentially bound up with the peace and holiness of the day that one might almost say that the two are inseparable."

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ELEVENTH WEEK. DRIVEN OUT OF GALILEE.

FIRST DAY: MARK 7:1-4. THE PHARISEES.

What were the Pharisees?

Graders of the people in resting foreign influence with ceremonial law

Where were Jesus and His disciples now? John 6:24.

Capernaum

Mark explains the meaning of "defiled hands," v. 2. See a similar explanation in v. 11 and in 12:18. What does this indicate about the people for whom he wrote?

Sanctified Christians
Tradition of the Elders, v. 3. "The unwritten law, which they said God delivered orally to Moses, who transmitted it orally to the elders." The elders were the leading Jewish teachers.

What were they trying to do by all this washing?

Be ceremonially clean

Why should they wash on coming from the market place?

Because then they came in contact with all classes of people

rights
Have you ever been content with mere external appearances?

PRAYER: "O Lord, who hast given us these treasures of earth's strength and opportunity in earthen vessels that we might learn the need of trust in Thee, help us so to use and cherish our frail bodies that they may be most effective for the work which Thou hast given us to do. Pardon our transgressions and shortcomings. Make us strong to labor, patient for endurance, filled, as becometh temples of Thy Spirit, with all purity, girded and ready for all service. Preserve us from the shame and folly of idleness and from the temptations to presumptuous overwork for merely earthly gains. And when these earthen vessels of our sense and strength are broken, receive our spirits. Amen."

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ELEVENTH WEEK. DRIVEN OUT OF GALILEE.

SECOND DAY: MARK 7:5-13. PHARISEES ACCUSE THE DISCIPLES.

What was the Pharisees' charge against the disciples?

Eating bread with defiled hands.

What did Jesus call the Pharisees?

Hypocrites.

What does "hypocrite" mean?

One who makes false professions of his views or beliefs.

What did Jesus mean by His quotation from Isaiah?

He meant their religion was one of external observances and without any inward motive.

How long before Christ did Isaiah write these words?

Vs. 11-13. "If a man shall say to his mother or father when one of them applies to him for assistance, 'That which would have helped you I have given to God, and, therefore, I cannot take it back and use it for you,' you thus enable a man by following tradition to avoid helping his parents, and God's own word is rendered idle."

"The parish priest of austerity,

Climbed up in the high church steeple,

To be nearer God, so that he might

Hand down his word to the people.

And in sermon script he daily wrote

What he thought was sent from heaven;

And he dropped it down on the people's heads

Two times one day in seven.

In his age God said, 'Come down and die;'

And he cried out from the steeple,

'Where art thou, Lord?' and the Lord replied,

'Down here among my people.'"

Thought - Christ rebuked the hypocrites

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ELEVENTH WEEK. DRIVEN OUT OF GALILEE.

THIRD DAY: MARK 7:14, 15. REAL DEFILEMENT.

To whom had He been speaking in vs. 6-13?

Scribes & Pharisees.

Whom does He address now?

the Multitude

What reason is there for the change? .

*He is about to enunciate a great principle
It is an appeal to the broad popular sympathies*

What does He mean by v. 15?

*rather than to hair splitting in
rights* *"The fundamental spring of all impurity
is within — in self"*

"Whatever weakens your reason,
Impairs the tenderness of your conscience,
Obscures your sense of God,
Takes off the relish for spiritual things;
Whatever increases the authority
Of your body over your mind—
That thing is sin to you,
However innocent it may be in itself."

Notice the omission in the Revised Version of v. 16 and see marginal note. Our Authorized Version, called also the King James Version, which was itself a revision of the existing Bibles, was translated in 1611. The Revised Version of the New Testament was published in May, 1881. At this later date scholars had access to a great many more manuscripts than in 1611, including the three oldest and best.

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ELEVENTH WEEK. DRIVEN OUT OF GALILEE.

FOURTH DAY: MARK 7:17-23. REAL DEFILEMENT.

"By no political alchemy can we get golden conduct out of leaden instincts."

What was the Jewish idea of clean and unclean meats?

What do vs. 17 and 18 show as to the disciples' understanding of Jesus?

It shows that the pharisaical idea was so ingrained in them that they could not grasp his teachings

Where did Jesus say evil originates? Compare Matt. 5:27, 28. *In the Heart.*

Judged by this standard have you broken this commandment?

is right. S
Jesus put His hand on the source of evil—the heart. We see the outside, He sees the inside. As sweet water cannot come from a bitter spring, so clean thoughts cannot come from an impure heart. It is the thoughts of our hearts that we need to watch; it is the vile pictures that form themselves in our imagination that we must guard against. How ashamed we would be if our friends and companions could see the images that we create in our hearts. God sees them.

Memorize Psalm 19:14.

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ELEVENTH WEEK. DRIVEN OUT OF GALILEE.

FIFTH DAY: MARK 7:24. BEGINNING OF SECOND JOURNEY OF FLIGHT.

Locate Tyre and Sidon on the map.

This is the second journey of flight. See how it differs from the preaching tours mentioned in 1:39, 6:6, et al.

In this journey he seeks to conceal himself

What caused Him to withdraw at this time?

The growing opposition gave evidence of the end and he retired to prepare the disciples. See Luke

Why "would have no man know it?"

It would interfere with the real purpose of the journey - to train the 12.

What was the result of His effort to remain hidden?

"He could not be hid"

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: From the beginning to the end of His life He was despised and rejected of men (Isaiah 53:3): There was no room for Him in the inn (Luke 2:7). No room for Him among His own (John 1:12). And now they drive Him out of Galilee. "Behold I stand at the door and knock" (Rev. 3:20). Shall we not open and bid Him welcome into our hearts?

"Room for pleasure, room for business,
But for Christ the crucified,
Not a place that He can enter
In your heart for which He died,"

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ELEVENTH WEEK. DRIVEN OUT OF GALILEE.

SIXTH DAY: MARK 7:25-30. IN TYRE AND SIDON.

How do you suppose this woman had heard of Him?
See Mark 3:8.

*People of that region had
been in Galilee and seen him
and had carried back the news.*

A Syrophenician, v. 26. A Phœnician living in Syria.

A Greek, v. 26. A Gentile, not a Jew.

What did the disciples want to do with her? Matt.

15:23.

*"Send her away - for she
crieth after us."*

What did Jesus mean by v. 27?

*Let the Jews
have first opportunity*

Why did the words of the woman in v. 28 please Jesus
so much? Compare Matt. 15:28.

They showed persistent faith.

Thought:-

*The first act of salvation
in the Gentile world was an
answer to persistent prayer.
Would I have persisted after
Christ's ⁷⁶apparent refusal?*

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ELEVENTH WEEK. DRIVEN OUT OF GALILEE.

SEVENTH DAY: MARK 7:31. HE AVOIDS GALILEE.

Read also Matt. 15:29-31.

Locate Decapolis on the map.

Trace this journey from Tyre to the borders of Decapolis and notice that He avoided Galilee. Why was this?

Because of Herod Antipas

What does Matthew tell us happened here?

Many were healed.

What does the last part of Matt. 15:31 mean? *It means*

that they recognized the supernatural power of Jesus and were willing to give the glory to Israel's King.

What have you done this past week to glorify God?

What does Paul want his hearers to do when he says, "that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things?" Tit. 2:10.

ought to

He wants them to have their lives a credit to the religion they profess.

It is "love's extravagance"

See suggestions to Teachers

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TWELFTH WEEK. JOURNEYS OF FLIGHT.

FIRST DAY: MARK 7:32-37. HE CURES A DEAF AND DUMB MAN.

Where was Jesus now? *Decapolis*

What did Jesus do? *Cures a deaf and dumb man*

Why did Jesus do the things mentioned in v. 33? *Probably as means of consecration to make impressive.*

Ephphatha, v. 34. Helps us to know what language Jesus spoke: this word is Aramaic.

Why the sigh? V. 34.

A sigh over all tongues and ears. See Luke.

Notice that He *looked up to Heaven*.

Compare in 2 Kings 4:34 a similar method to the one employed here.

Wouldn't this be a good method in our Christian work?

It is symbolical of personal contact as a means of

Do you try to get close to those whom you wish to win to God?

We should.

When Jesus was in this region before, what had He said to the man He cured? Mark 5:19.

Go home and tell your people here all that He hath done for you.

Had the man obeyed? Mark 8:1.

Apparently.

What effect did the miracle have upon the people?

Astonished them

Have you a tongue that Jesus might cause to "speak plain" for Him?

Read the Tongue chapter, James 3.

"He hath done all things well."
Is it true in my life?

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TWELFTH WEEK. JOURNEYS OF FLIGHT.

SECOND DAY: MARK 8:1-9. HE FEEDS FOUR THOUSAND.

How long had the people been with Jesus?

3 days.

From Mark 3:5, 6:6, 7:34, 8:2, 10:14, and 10:21, write down the human elements mentioned.

*anger, grief, marvelled, sighed,
confusion, indignation, love.*

Mention the points in which this miracle differs from the feeding of the five thousand.

1. Place. see map P. 72 in Geography -

2. Number of loaves 5 - 7

3. Kind of basket κοφινος - σπυριδες / see

4. Suggestion for feeding came from disciples - Jesus

What was the result to the four thousand of being with Jesus?

a blessing

~~script~~ If we stay with Him to-day He will fill us.

Memorize Rev. 22:17.

It takes time to become spiritual.

Other thoughts:

1. vs 4 - His disciple gave the same old answer (Mt: 37). Do I forget the mighty interpositions of God's hand in my previous life.

2. vs 8. Christ performed this miracle when he was a refugee. He forgave his sorrows and met a need -

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TWELFTH WEEK. JOURNEYS OF FLIGHT.

THIRD DAY: MARK 7:24-8:9. THE SECOND JOURNEY OF FLIGHT.

Read these verses and trace this journey on the outline map.

Where did it begin?

at Capernaum (see Girdon on Page 136)

What sections of the country and what towns are mentioned?

*Syria Phoenicia
Lake of Galilee
Tiberias*

Tyre & Sidon

How does this illustrate John 1:12?

The Jewish opposition down him to these foreigners. "He came unto his own, but they received him not."

What was His own feeling toward the people during this time?

Compassion

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: The loneliness of Jesus in the great world which He came to save appeals to me to-day; the solitude in which He lived even when surrounded by crowds. And even to-day in the busy world He must often be alone. "Thou art all alone. Bid me come to Thee, O Lord! I have followed Thee in joy, I have been with Thee when the multitude thronged and pressed. I have heard Thy voice in majesty on the Mount. I have seen Thy hand of beneficence break bread in the desert, whenever I have been in want. I have sought Thee." In Thy loneliness bid me come to Thee.

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TWELFTH WEEK. JOURNEYS OF FLIGHT.

FOURTH DAY: MARK 8:10. IN DALMANUTHA.

Where was Dalmanutha?

On Western shore of Galilee

Notice how often the sea of Galilee has been the scene of His life so far.

He often retired in this way to be with His disciples, that He might train and teach them, the future apostles.

What were they to do? 3:14, 6:7, 8.

preach — heal

What leads us to think they were not apt scholars?

It seemed impossible for them to grasp his teaching e.g. M^k VII: 17-18

Are you in the habit of being alone with Jesus every day?

A plea for the morning watch

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: "The subject was 'What in my life has helped me most toward Jesus Christ'? One man rose and said: 'The one thing which has helped me most in my Christian experience is this: for many years I have been in the habit of getting up half an hour earlier than necessary in order that I might spend that half hour in prayer and reading God's word and in meditation.' That man is a car conductor and is obliged to rise every morning at three o'clock, and in order to spend a little time with God he gets up at half past two. I went home feeling that I was not fit to preach to that man."

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TWELFTH WEEK. JOURNEYS OF FLIGHT.

FIFTH DAY: MARK 8:11-13. THE PHARISEES TEMPT HIM.

With what intent did the Pharisees ask Him questions?

To harm him. It is a repetition of the great temptation

What does it mean to tempt Jesus?

The same as to tempt us.

With which of the three temptations (Matt. 4:3-6) does this scene correspond?

The second one of casting himself down.

Have you ever asked for a sign? See the answer to such a question that came to Zacharias. Luke 1:18-20.

Made dumb until John came.

Notice how short a visit this was; and that here begins the third journey of flight. 8:13.

PRAYER: "O God, our Father, whose will it is that none should perish, but that all should live, enable us so to use Thy gift of freedom that it shall prepare us for the eternal life of holiness with Thee. When in the temptations of the world we are sifted as wheat, grant us that our faith fail not. When we are in peril from the lusts that war against the soul, be Thou our guard. For Thine own pity and for the love of those who need us and who suffer when we fall, preserve us in the hour of weakness. For the love wherewith Christ loved us grant us the fellowship of His Spirit when we are tried in the likeness of His temptations. And Thou who hast helped us to the victory of faith shalt receive our grateful service evermore through Christ who for our redemption was tempted and overcame. Amen."

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TWELFTH WEEK. JOURNEYS OF FLIGHT.

SIXTH DAY: READ ISAIAH 53.

Into what five parts did we divide the life of Jesus?

1. *Beginning*
2. *Period of Obscurity*
3. *Period of popularity*
4. *First year*
5. *Second year*
6. *Opposition*

What was each of the three years of His public ministry called?

Judean
Galilean
Persean

Mention the principal events of the Judean ministry?

1. *First disciples*
2. *Miracle at Cana*
3. *1st cleansing of temple*
4. *Talk with Nicodemus*

Why is it called the period of obscurity?

Records are meager.

How does it differ from the Galilean ministry?

He became popular during the Galilean ministry.

Upon what part of the life of Jesus does Mark dwell?

The discourses are omitted and the actual events are given. Especially those of passion week.

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TWELFTH WEEK. JOURNEYS OF FLIGHT.

SEVENTH DAY: READ ROMANS 8.

When His work increased what did He do for helpers?

Chose 12 disciples.

What kind of men did He select?

*Common untrained men
11 were Galileans.*

What new mode of conveying truth did He adopt soon after?

Miracles

What was the effect of His miracles upon the crowd?

The were astonished, they marvelled

Upon those who were healed?

They told everyone of him.

Why do we think that the feeding of the five thousand was a crisis in His career?

*The people wished to
make him King. His refusal
as a crisis in his life and marks the climax of his popularity.*

What did He do as soon as He had sent the five thousand away?

Went into a mountain to pray

Why did He leave Judea?

*When he heard that John
was in prison see p. 14.*

What caused Him to leave Galilee?

*Opposition of Pharisees and
Herod Antipas.*

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THIRTEENTH WEEK. TEACHING AND HEALING.

FIRST DAY: MARK 8:14-21. A LESSON IN FAITH.

How long had these men been with Him now?

2 years.

Tell in your own words what Jesus said to them in vs.

17, 18. *Why are you reasoning about being
honest? I do you not understand? are
your hearts hardened?*²

What did they think He meant?

*They thought he referred to their
having but one loaf.*

Why did He mention Pharisees and Herod? *political*

Because they were religious leaders

What use does Jesus here make of His miracles?

To teach them to have faith in Him.

What lesson does He try to teach them? *To beware of the
deceitful, spreading evil of hypocrisy, unbelief, worldliness.*

What lesson is here for us?

Beware of hypocrisy.

What did He mean by His question? V. 21. *He expected them
to know the difference between outward separations and*

How would you answer it?

heart-changings

"The heart that trusts forever sings,
And feels as light as it had wings;
A well of peace within it springs;
Come good or ill,
Whate'er to-day, to-morrow brings,
It is His will."

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THIRTEENTH WEEK. TEACHING AND HEALING.

SECOND DAY: MARK 8:22-26. HE HEALS A BLIND MAN.

Where was this miracle performed?

Just outside of Bethsaida Galilee.

Notice the details in v. 23, "took hold," "by the hand," "brought him out," "laid His hand on him." This is characteristic of Mark. See the same thing in 1:13, 35, 2:2, 4, 23, 4:36, 38, 5:4, 6:39, 40.

How does the method of this cure differ from most of the others?

Gradual recovery also wrought by external signs.

Notice how much more vivid v. 24 is in the Revised Version than in the Authorized Version.

What did Jesus say to the man after He was healed?

Do not even enter into the village.

Why was this?

For the sake of privacy.

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: I ought not to expect to see everything at the beginning of my Christian life as clearly as I shall see it later. Paul had to go away into solitude for three years while God was revealing Himself fully to him. Help me, my Heavenly Father, to patiently await Thy good time for letting me see all things clearly. If now I see in a mirror darkly, hasten the glad day when I shall see face to face; if now I know in part, let me some day know even as I have been known. May I live in the radiance of Thy presence, Thou blessed Christ.

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THIRTEENTH WEEK. TEACHING AND HEALING.

THIRD DAY: MARK 8:27-30. THE GREAT CONFESSION.

Locate Cæsarea Philippi on the map.

What question did Jesus ask His disciples?

who do men say that I am?

Did He not know what people thought of Him?

Why would some say John the Baptist? *Because in rising from the dead they thought John would bring supernatural power with him.*

Why Elijah?

Because Elijah was the great ideal of a spiritual reformer, who was expected to return as a forerunner.

Why one of the prophets?

Willing to recognize him as a prophet but not the prophet.

Why would He expect a different opinion from His disciples?

They had been with him most.

Was there something pitiful in His voice as He asked the question of v. 29?

Yes.

Have you a different opinion of Him than the people of those days?

Yes.

What was Peter's answer? It has been called The First Apostle's Creed. Compare the three accounts, Mark, Matt. 16:16, Luke 9:20, and write it out.

Thou art the Christ the son of the living God Mark = *Thou art the Christ* Luke = *The Christ of God*

Why the words in v. 36?

Because his work had yet to be finished also

Who do you say the Son of Man is?

The Son of God

Memorize 1 Peter 3:15.

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THIRTEENTH WEEK. TEACHING AND HEALING.

FOURTH DAY: MARK 8:31. HE ANNOUNCES HIS DEATH.

As soon as they recognize His Messiahship He begins to teach them that He must suffer and die.

Compare this first clear announcement with former intimations of His coming death, in the following order: John 2:19, 3:14; Mark 2:20; Matt. 10:38; John 6:51, and see how it was ever on His mind.

What had they just called Him?

The Son of God.

What does He tell them the Son of God is to do?

1. *Suffer many things*
2. *Be rejected*

Mention the four things He specifies in this verse.

3. *Be killed*
4. *Rise again*

PRAYER: "Almighty God, who canst give the light that in darkness shall make us glad, the light that in gloom shall give us joy, and the peace that amidst discord shall bring us quietness, let us live this day in that light, that life, that peace, so that we may gain the victory over those things that press us down and over the flesh that so often encumbers us and over death that seemeth for the moment to win the victory. Thus we being filled with inward peace and light and life, may walk all the days of this our mortal life doing our work as the business of our Father, glorifying it because it is Thy will, knowing that what Thou givest, Thou givest in love. Bestow upon us the greatest and last blessing that we, being in Thy presence, may be like unto Thee forever more. These things do we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

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THIRTEENTH WEEK. TEACHING AND HEALING.

FIFTH DAY: MARK 8:32, 33. HE REBUKES PETER.

Christ's motto, "Deny thyself." V. 31.

Satan's motto, "Spare thyself." V. 32.

Which shall it be?

Drury!!

This is the first clear prediction of His death. Notice the time in His life when it was made.

How did this announcement affect Peter, and why?

Peter revolted against the idea.

Openly, v. 32. Plainly. He had intimated it many times. See John 2:19; 3:14; Mark 2:20.

What did Jesus mean by calling Peter "Satan"?

Peter here brings the same temptation as X has in the wilderness - viz - Salvation without atonement.

What did Peter mean by his words?

Perhaps he was thinking of temporal splendor.

Are there any people who say the same thing to-day?

Yes.

Can you remember any time when He might have called you by this name?

No.

What does the last part of v. 33 mean?

You side with me. You are my stumbling block because you suggest that I yield to my chief temptations.

I thought:- Do I ever suggest temptations to my associate?

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THIRTEENTH WEEK. TEACHING AND HEALING.

SIXTH DAY: MARK 8:34-9:1. REAL LIFE.

A missionary in Africa wrote: "Lost lives! as the words re-echo I see the Saints of God, who of old, declaring plainly that they seek a country, have cheerfully gone forth on pilgrimage not knowing whither they went! Abraham is among them, Paul is among them, and the heroes of our Century of Missions. Livingstone is there, Krapf is there, and William Carey; Allan Gardiner, starved to death on the desolate Fuegian shore; James Gilmour, tramping with bleeding feet the frozen Mongolian uplands; Graham Brooke, dying alone on the Upper Niger; John McKitterich, sleeping in the first white man's grave in distant Lololand—they are all there, all part of the *eternal*. And Jesus's life is there."

What does Jesus say the man must do who wants to follow Him?

Let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

What kind of a life would the principle of v. 34 require me to live to-day?

A God-centred life

What does He mean by v. 35?

See suggestions to teacher

What is the answer to v. 36?

It is a question that needs no ans.

What answer would you honestly give to v. 37?

To ask is to ans.

What is it to be ashamed of Jesus?

Fail to confess him at all times

What is it to have Jesus ashamed of us?

Separation from him.

"Measure thy life by loss instead of gain,
Not by the wine drunk, but by the wine poured forth;
For life's strength standeth in life's sacrifice,
And who gives the most has most to give."

Thought.

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There is ashamed of Christ. Blessed are you when men shall mock etc.

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THIRTEENTH WEEK. TEACHING AND HEALING.

SEVENTH DAY: MARK 8:10-9:1.

Notice that in the Revised Version 9:1 is rightly considered a part of the eighth chapter. See the same thing in Gal. 5:1; 1 Cor. 11:1. The original manuscripts were not divided into verses and chapters. The present arrangement of chapters was made by Cardinal Hugo in 1250. The present division into verses was made by Robert Stevens in 1551, it is said, as he was riding on horseback. Notice that the Revised Version is arranged in paragraphs rather than verses, the sense being the basis of division and not the mere desire to break up the text into small parts.

With what purpose are you studying these lessons?

To learn about Jesus the man and the Book of Mark while I learn to know Jesus the Saviour, and Mark the Author inspired of the Holy Spirit

What phase of the character of Jesus has most impressed you so far?

Can you see any change in your own daily life because you have followed these studies thus far?

Examine the following references and say whether you have followed the example of the men referred to: Lam. 3:23; Psalm 5:3, 57:8; Psalm 92:2. =

a plea for morning Bible study

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FOURTEENTH WEEK. THE TRANSFIGURATION.

FIRST DAY: MARK 9:2-8. JESUS IS TRANSFIGURED.

Where was Jesus and His disciples at this time?

A high mountain, v. 2. "Probably one of the spurs of the magnificent snow-clad Hermon, the most beautiful and conspicuous mountain in Palestine." Locate it.

For what purpose did He go to this mountain? Luke 9:28. *to pray.*

Who went with Him? *Peter, James, John.*

Why do you suppose He selected these men and left the others behind?

Because they were the chief of the apostles.

Do you believe that He would select you for such a purpose now?

Read the three accounts, Mark 9:3, Matt. 17:2, and Luke 9:29, and write down what occurred.

What was Jesus doing when He was thus glorified? Luke 9:29. *"And as he was praying."*

Memorize Daniel 12:3.

PRAYER: "O Father of lights and Giver of all perfect gifts, we beseech Thee to give all things that are good for us, even such things as we have not yet learned to acknowledge and desire as good; but above all give us Thyself, who art the eternal and highest Good of all Thy creatures. O Lord, Jesus Christ, be Thou now and forever more, by Thy deliverance from all sin, our mighty helper; by Thy word of wisdom, our Master and Teacher; and by Thy spiritual advent, our ever present Emanuel and our living Saviour. Transform our hearts into Thine image of gentleness and humility; and let us ever bear Thee and Thy love to us in mind. O Holy Spirit, lighten our darkness, purify our impurity, strengthen our weakness, comfort us in sorrow."

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FOURTEENTH WEEK. THE TRANSFIGURATION.

SECOND DAY: MARK 9:2-8. JESUS IS TRANSFIGURED
(Continued).

Who appeared to Jesus now? *Moses and Elijah*

They were the representatives of the Law and the Prophets, and answered the charge that He was destroying the law. They were also the two greatest men of Old Testament times.

What was the subject of their conversation? Luke 9:31. *His decease at Jerusalem*

What does this indicate as to its importance?
all-important

What does this show us as to the purpose for which Jesus came into the world?
To ransom.

What does it show as to where that purpose originated?
In heaven.

What was the condition of the disciples at this time? Luke 9:32. *They were asleep*

What was the significance of the transfiguration as regards the apostles? *The "Hear ye Him" was to teach them that his announcement of death must be*

As regards Jesus? *It foreshadowed his glory after death and gave him strength for the final triumph* *see Sunday 15*

Notice two changes from this time on: Miracles, which had hitherto abounded, well-nigh cease; Teachings, before public as a rule, now become rare and few, and confined to the apostles.

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FOURTEENTH WEEK. THE TRANSFIGURATION.

THIRD DAY: MARK 9:2-8. ON THE MOUNTAIN.

How did the scene affect the disciples?

"Became sons of fire"

What was Peter's proposition?

"Let us make three booths"

Tabernacles, v. 5. There were little booths or huts made of bushes or branches of trees such as were made when the people were at the feast of Tabernacles.

What thought did Peter have when he made this statement?

He was so taken by the sight that he desired to abide on the mount.

Why would it not have been good for them to stay there?

They must not forget duty and the world -

What experiences in our Christian life are like the experience of these three apostles at this time?

Great conversions

What did the voice from the cloud say?

"Hear ye Him"

When had this voice spoken before?

at Baptism

After the cloud, what did they see?

No one, saw Jesus only -

It is important to notice the time in the life of Jesus when He was transfigured. It was a time of depression; His enemies were aroused (8:11); nobody really understood Him (8:28) or His mission (8:32). Then it was that the heavens were opened and He was glorified when God the Father spoke to Him.

Thoughts

1. *God helps us in times of depression*
2. *Hear ye Him*

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FOURTEENTH WEEK. THE TRANSFIGURATION.

FOURTH DAY: MARK 9:9-13. THE PERPLEXED DISCIPLES.

As they came down from the mountain what charge did Jesus give the disciples?

Tell no man what they had seen until after the resurrection.

What light do we get upon the question of the disciples' real knowledge of Jesus from v. 10?

They did not grasp the great truths of his death and glory.

And they kept the saying, v. 10. See how Peter afterward delighted to tell about it. 2 Peter 1:16, 17.

What did Jesus mean by v. 13?

Probably John the Baptist and his death at Herod's hands.

Do you not think that this same Jesus who endured the doubts and questions and misunderstandings of these men will be patient with yours?

Yes.

Thought.

John 7:17. Let us live every bit of truth we do know.

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FOURTEENTH WEEK. THE TRANSFIGURATION.

FIFTH DAY: MARK 9:14-18. IN THE VALLEY.

What were the other disciples doing when Jesus was in the mountain?

Attempting to cast out an evil spirit

In what region were they now?

Near Mt. Hermon

Master, v. 17. Make a list of the different names given to Jesus as recorded by Mark. Mark 8:38, 8:29, 15:26.

*"Son of Man." "The Christ"
"The King of the Jews"*

Remember He had brought His disciples into this region to be alone with them and not for the purpose of working miracles or teaching the multitude. The enmity of the people of Galilee had caused Him to withdraw.

Describe the situation of the disciples as Jesus found them on His return.

In great distress, scribes scoffing, people excited because they could not cure the lame boy.

What effect did the appearance of Jesus have upon the people?

They were greatly amazed and running to Him saluted Him.

Notice the point at which Jesus appeared on the scene and compare it with Mark 6:48. = *Storm on sea.*

Jesus comes at the right time always to help his disciples.

To whom did the father intend to bring the boy?

To whom did he bring him?

*Jesus
Disciples*

With what result?

Failure.

Thoughts

1. The contrast of the Transfiguration and this scene is repeated in our lives.
2. But Jesus comes at the right time.

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FOURTEENTH WEEK. THE TRANSFIGURATION.

SIXTH DAY: MARK 9:19-27. THE DEMONIAC BOY.

What was the effect upon Jesus of the disciples' failure?

V. 19. *"O faithless generation"*

How long shall I bear with you? V. 19. What did Jesus mean by this question?

"There is a day of grace wh. may pass and"

Can you think of a time when He might have asked it of you? *Yes*

Describe the boy's condition. Vs. 20-22.

*"fell on the ground." wallowed foaming"
From a child" oft times casts into fire and water*

Notice the father says, "Have compassion on us."
How much our fathers and mothers suffer with us!

just as God suffers for us -

What did Jesus mean by the expression "If, thou canst"?

"No for thy if thou canst! all things are possible to him that believeth" vs 20 Cent N.T. says "Why say possible"

What was His statement as to those who believe

all every thing is possible for

all things are possible to him that believeth" who has faith

Note the vividness of the direct discourse in v. 25.
Compare 4:39; 5:8, 12; 6:31. This is characteristic of Mark.

What did Jesus do when the boy seemed to be dead?

Took him by the hand and raised him

What was the effect of the miracle? Luke 9:43.

"They were all astonished at the majesty of"

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Thought. - "If thou mine unbelief"

*"If thou givest Christ was so weakly, he
let thee see of Adam's Seed"*

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FOURTEENTH WEEK. THE TRANSFIGURATION.

SEVENTH DAY: MARK 9:28, 29. THE POWER OF PRAYER.

What question did the disciples ask? See Matt. 17:19.

"Why could not we cast it out?"

What was Jesus's answer? Matt. 17:20.

"Because of your little faith etc."

What did this answer imply as to the prayer-life of the disciples?

It had not been what it ought to be.

How long had they been with Jesus?

Over 2 yrs.

Do you not suppose the apostles prayed?

Yes.

What was their difficulty?

did not fully

grasp the reality of prayer

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: "I come to my devotions this morning on an errand of real life. This is no romance and no farce. I do not come here to go through a form of words. I have no hopeless desire to express. I have an object to gain. I have an end to accomplish. This is a business in which I am about to engage. An astronomer does not turn his telescope to the skies with a more reasonable hope of penetrating those distant heavens, than I have of reaching the mind of God, by lifting up my heart at the throne of Grace."

"When faith reaches the will of God, and entering into it, settles itself there, it has laid hold of omnipotence (unconscious)"

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FIFTEENTH WEEK. CLOSE OF GALILEAN MINISTRY.

FIRST DAY: MARK 9:30-32. HE ANNOUNCES HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION.

Trace on the map His movements.

"And He would not that any man should know it," v.

30. Why? V. 31.

He wishes now to teach only the faithful disciples.

How near His death was He now?

A little more than 6 months remain.

He taught, v. 31. The sense here is that He kept teaching. His great public ministry was over. The little time that remained He would spend in instructing the men who were to carry on His work after He was gone.

What particulars about His death does He tell them in v. 31?

men shall kill him and when he is killed, after 3 days he shall rise again.

What effect did the announcement have upon them?

They understood not and were afraid to ask.

What kind of a kingdom were these men always looking for? See Acts 1:6.

An earthly kingdom.

What danger is there that people to-day will have the same conception of the kingdom which these men had?

The fact that men are seeking such a kingdom today might be made one of the lessons of the hour.

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FIFTEENTH WEEK. CLOSE OF GALILEAN MINISTRY.

SECOND DAY: MARK 9:33-35. JEALOUSY AMONG THE DISCIPLES.

See how often He returns to Capernaum? John 2:12.

with synagogues
This city has been well called His headquarters.

What does v. 33 teach as to His divine insight? See John 2:25.

"He himself knew what was in man"

Why did the disciples hesitate about answering His question?

Perhaps they were ashamed.

Sat down, v. 35. This was the usual posture in teaching. Mark notes the movements and gestures of Jesus. See 7:33, 8:33, 9:35, 10:16. This adds vividness to the picture and is characteristic of Mark.

What rule did He lay down for those who wished to be great?

"He shall be last of all and minister of all"

What does the word *minister* in v. 35 mean?

servant

Judged by this test, are you a minister?

I hope
"Happiness lies in *what* you are, not where you are; what you *are*, not what you *have*."

Memorize Prov. 22:1:

Thought.

Christ ¹⁰⁰ rebukes jealousy and replaces it by humility or rather humble service.

The Life and Works of Jesus

FIFTEENTH WEEK. CLOSE OF GALILEAN MINISTRY.

THIRD DAY: MARK 9:36, 37. REAL GREATNESS.

"The measure of a man is not what he does, but what he thinks; not what he is, but what he would like to be."

Notice the movements of Jesus in v. 36.

Read also Matt. 18:1-5 and Luke 9:47, 48, and write down the rule which Jesus laid down here.

Whoever shall humble himself as this little child the same is the greatest. He that is least among you all, the same is great.

"True religion is to know the greatness of the great and the smallness of the small, and to act on that knowledge."

What was the attitude of Jesus toward children?

Loving.

What are we taught in vs. 33 to 37 as to any difference of authority among the twelve apostles?

There was no difference except as they served -

Give an illustration of what Jesus meant by v. 37.

Giving assistance to anyone who is helpless or dependent.

PRAYER: "O Lord, my most loving Saviour and merciful Redeemer, who commandest that little children should come unto Thee, and didst take them up in Thine arms, lay Thy hands upon and bless them; look graciously upon me who am one of Thy children devoted to Thy service. Have compassion on the weakness of my tender years, and keep me from all evil and danger both in body and soul. Make me always mindful of my Creator in the days of my youth and of that baptismal vow that was made in Thy name. Make me dutiful to my parents, loving to my associates, obedient to my governors and instructors, and courteous and humble to all, that as I grow in years I may grow in grace and wisdom and be in favor with God and man. Guide and sanctify me by Thy Holy Spirit that the longer I live the better I may be, to the comfort of my parents, the honor and glory of Thee, my God and my own happiness, both here and hereafter; and this I beg, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen."

Thought

Humility is an absolute essential of greatness.

The Life and Works of Jesus

FIFTEENTH WEEK. CLOSE OF GALILEAN MINISTRY.

FOURTH DAY: MARK 9:38-41. A LESSON IN TOLERANCE.

What do vs. 38 and 39 teach us about judging others?

We need to be exceedingly careful. John spoke intol. wantonly and was rebuked by Jesus.

What did Jesus mean by v. 40? *See Sunday P 163*

There is not neutrality, we must be on Christ's side or against Him.

Compare v. 40 with I Cor. 12:3 and Matt. 7:22, 23.

Our discipleship should result in dec

What should be our attitude toward the servants of God?

Tolerant. Our ways are not necessarily other ways

What have you done during the last week to entitle you to the reward mentioned in v. 41?

Read the Psalm of Love, I Cor. 13.

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: "When Christ showed us God, then man had only to stand at his highest and look up to the infinite above him to see how small he was. And always the true way to be humble is not to stoop until you are smaller than yourself, but to stand at your real height against some higher nature that shall show you what the real smallness of your greatness is. The first is the unreal humility that always goes about deprecating human nature; the second is the genuine humility that always stands in love and adoration, glorifying God."

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FIFTEENTH WEEK. CLOSE OF GALILEAN MINISTRY.

FIFTH DAY: MARK 9:42-50. WARNINGS AGAINST STUMBLING.

Great millstone, v. 42. It was a Roman punishment to drown criminals by tying a great stone to the neck and throwing them into the sea. It was considered almost as degrading as crucifixion.

Notice how much clearer v. 43 is by the change from *offend* to *stumble* in the Revised Version.

Notice the disappearance of vs. 44 and 46 in Revised Version, and read the explanation in the marginal note.

What three members does Jesus say may cause them to stumble?

hand, foot, eye.

What does He mean by stumble?

"lead into sin".

Into hell, v. 43. The marginal reading is *Gehenna*. This was a ravine on the south of Mount Zion. There the idolatrous inhabitants of Jerusalem used to cast their children into the red-hot arms of a monster brass idol. It became later the common cesspool of the city, and the Jews regarded it with such horror that they applied the name to the place of torment.

Worm dieth not, v. 44. Symbol of an everlasting decaying process.

Have you anything in your possession which would cause you to stumble through the eye?

Thought.

"We are preserved from corruption and consequent everlasting destruction by the fire of unsparring self sacrifice"

See Lindsay P. 115

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FIFTEENTH WEEK. CLOSE OF GALILEAN MINISTRY.

SIXTH DAY: COL. 1:9-20. REVIEW OF GALILEAN MINISTRY.

Test these statements of a recent writer as to the Galilean ministry, giving any references you may find:

"The months of toil in Galilee show results hardly more significant than the grain of mustard seed or the little leaven. Popular enthusiasm had risen, increased, reached its climax, and waned. Official opposition had early been aroused, and had continued with a steadily deepening intensity. The wonderful teaching with authority, and the signs wrought on them that were sick, had been as seed sown by the wayside or in thorny or in stony ground, except for the little handful of hearers who had felt the personal power of Jesus and had surrendered to it, ready henceforth to follow where He should lead, whether or not it should be in the path of their choice. They, however, were the proof that those months had been a time of rewarded toil."

During this period notice the preaching tours: 1:35,³⁹ 4:1, 6:1.

Also the journeys of flight: 6:30, 7:24, 8:13.

How long was this ministry?

22 months

What has the period been called and why? *Period of*

Popularity became during this time his popularity reached its climax.

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FIFTEENTH WEEK. CLOSE OF GALILEAN MINISTRY.

SEVENTH DAY: PHIL. 2:5-II. REVIEW OF THE GALILEAN MINISTRY.

Who were some of the different classes with whom Jesus came in contact during this ministry, viz.:

1. Mark 2:6; 3:22. *scribes and multitude*
2. 7:1. *Pharisees.*
3. 3:7, 8; 1:45. *Multitude*
4. 3:11; 1:24. *nuclear spirits*
5. 3:6. *Herodians.*
6. 1:32; 6:55, 56. *sick*

During this ministry what did Jesus teach upon the following subjects? (And any other references you may find.)

Sabbath observance, 2:27, 3:4.

*Sabbath was made for man
It is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.*
Faith, Mark 8:14-21.

Complete dependence.

His purpose in coming into the world, 8:31, 9:31.

To die for us.

Unselfishness, 8:34.

Let him deny himself take up his cross and follow me

Prayer, 1:35, 6:46, 9:29.

Jesus needed prayer. It is a necessity.

True greatness, 9:35.

consists in being servant of all.

Purity, Matt. 5:8; 7:15, 21.

The pure shall ¹⁰⁵ see God

Impurity comes from the heart

The Life and Works of Jesus

SIXTEENTH WEEK. ON THE WAY TO JERUSALEM.

FIRST DAY: MARK 10:1. HE LEAVES GALILEE FOREVER.

THE PEREAN MINISTRY. Mark 10:1-52.

The Period of Opposition.

He no longer shuns publicity: crowds now seek Him.
Where did Jesus go now?

Borders of Judaea and beyond Jordan = Perea.

What was the purpose in His heart? Luke 9:51.

Steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem.

How near His death was He?

Six months

How did His feeling toward the people differ from that of the disciples? Luke 9:54, 55.

He still loves the people. The disciples grow for vengeance.

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: What a trial it is sometimes to turn from the work we want to do to the work we must do; and how much harder it is if those in whose behalf we have been working compel us to turn from our chosen task. But even our blessed Lord, striving with all His great heart to win the people of Galilee at last had to leave them forever, and turn to other fields. Let us believe that God rules, and where He leads it is for us to follow willingly, trustfully.

The Life and Works of Jesus

SIXTEENTH WEEK. ON THE WAY TO JERUSALEM.

SECOND DAY: LUKE 10:1-12. HE SENDS OUT THE SEVENTY.

(Between Mark 9:50 and 10:2 Mark omits many events recorded in Luke, Chs. 10 to 18, and John, Chs. 9 to 11. This covers a period of not less than three months of which Mark makes no mention. So many of these events are necessary to the story of the life of Jesus that some of them are treated in the following studies of this week.)

How many does Jesus now send out? 70 or 72.

For what were they sent?

Preach, heal, prepare for Christ.

What prayer did He ask them to make?

Pray ye the owners of the harvest to send owners to do the harvesting.

How many times in the last month have you prayed thus?

Compare their commission with that given to the twelve.

What caused Him to send out so many just now?

The time is getting short and there is much work to be done.

Thought: Am I willing to answer the prayer for laborers?

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SIXTEENTH WEEK. ON THE WAY TO JERUSALEM.

THIRD DAY: JOHN 9:1-41. HE RESTORES SIGHT TO A BLIND MAN.

When did this miracle occur and on what day of the week?

*During the Persian captivity = Dec 4. B.C.
on a Sabbath day.*

What did the people think was the cause of the man's blindness?

His parents' or his own sin.

Describe the miracle, vs. 6, 7. *Spoke, spat, made
clay, anointed eyes, said go and wash*

How did it affect his neighbors?

They could not believe it.

Why did they bring the Pharisees?

Perhaps because they recognized them as leaders in supernatural things.

What caused a division among them?

Because it was done on the Sabbath.

Who did they ask about the miracle?

His parents

What answer did the man make? V. 25.

The thing I know that whereas I was blind now I see.

What did the people say Jesus was?

We know that this man is a sinner.

Why were they so much excited?

*His wonderful power
and the Jewish opposition.*

What did they do to the man?

Cast him out

What did Jesus do for him?

Healed him and revealed him

Can you say with this man, "Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not; ONE THING I KNOW, that whereas I was blind, now I see"?

Thought.

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*Purpose of Christ's life as expressed
by himself "they wh. see not may see"*

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SIXTEENTH WEEK. ON THE WAY TO JERUSALEM.

FOURTH DAY: LUKE 13:10-17. HE HEALS A WOMAN ON THE SABBATH.

What did Jesus do on this Sabbath Day?

Taught & healed a woman

How does this miracle differ from many others?

He took the initiative

How did this affect the ruler of the synagogue?

He was moved with indignation

Whom did he address and what did he say?

He said to the multitude "there are six which men ought to work: in them: come and be healed and not on the day of the S."

What did Jesus mean by His answer in vs. 15, 16?

Necessary things may be done on the sabbath

What effect did it have?

*Adversaries put to shame,
Multitudes rejoiced.*

Thought.

*Do I use my Sabbath days to help
loose those whom Satan hath bound*

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SIXTEENTH WEEK. ON THE WAY TO JERUSALEM.

FIFTH DAY: LUKE 15:11-24. THE PRODIGAL SON.

This parable has been called *Evangelium in Evangelio*; also an Epitome of the Gospel.

Study it to-day as the history of a sinner.

1. His sin, 12, 13.

In what did it consist?

Wasted his substance in riotous living
He becomes "Lord of himself, that heritage of woe."

Sin is going away from God.

2. His misery, 14-16.

In what did it consist?

Physical discomfort
How does it illustrate Jer. 2:13? Memorize this verse.

He left home and found that there was no man gave unto him, v. 16. No satisfaction in his suffering.

What had become of his friends? Compare Matt. 27:24.

They departed with his money.

3. His penitence, 17-20.

What do the first few words of v. 17 show as to a sinner's condition?

He is not his real self
What does he do?

Goes to his father

4. His forgiveness, 20-24.

Who seems to be most eager, the father or the son?

Father
What does the father do?

Runs and kisses him
What does the son do?

Confesses his sin
What does the father say about the son in v. 24?

He was lost and is found.

The Bible often speaks of the sinner as dead. See Rev. 3:1; Eph. 2:1, 5:14.

"Thou art dead"

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"When ye were dead"

Thought wise from the dead -

God is always ready to receive us.

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SIXTEENTH WEEK. ON THE WAY TO JERUSALEM.

SIXTH DAY: JOHN II:17-44. HE RAISES LAZARUS.

Where did Lazarus live? *Bethany.*

How did Jesus know he was sick?

Sister sent for him.
How did Jesus regard this family? V. 5.

Found them
From the account describe the difference in disposition of Mary and Martha.

Martha more active.

What did Martha say? V. 21.

Lord if thou hadst been here, my bro. had not died.

What did Mary say? V. 32.

same.
Did Jesus intend to convey any special comfort to Martha when He said, "Thy brother shall live again"?

yes
What further revelation did Jesus make in v. 26?

but however birth and rebirth on me shall never die
Do you believe it?

yes
Before performing the miracle what did Jesus do? Vs. 41, 42.

Prayed.
Take ye away the stone, v. 39. Our part in bringing dead sinners to life.

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Lazarus, come forth, v. 43. "He called him by name lest all the dead should arise."

The Master is here and calleth thee, v. 28. Will you hear His voice and arise quickly and say, "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth?"

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SIXTEENTH WEEK. ON THE WAY TO JERUSALEM.

SEVENTH DAY: LUKE 17:11-19. HE HEALS TEN LEPERS.

Where was Jesus going now and for what purpose?

To Jerusalem for the last time

Try to imagine what a day it must have been for these ten men when Jesus came their way. Has He ever come your way?

What command did Jesus give them?

Go and show your selves to the priests

Do you suppose it seemed reasonable to them?

Yes, because some were Jews

What did they do and what was the result?

As they went they were cleansed

How many thanked Jesus?

One

Do you ever forget to thank Jesus?

Yes

What was peculiar about the one who returned?

Samaritan

Mention some incidents in your every-day life when Jesus would say the words of v. 18.

Thought

As they went they were cleansed
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Obedience brought their deliverance

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SEVENTEENTH WEEK. TEACHING IN PEREA.

FIRST DAY: MARK 10:2-12. CONCERNING DIVORCE.

Where was He now?

In Perea

What does "by the farther side of Jordan" mean?

east of the Jordan

Remembering that Jesus was now in the country of Herod Antipas, who had divorced his wife, does this help us to realize the purpose of the Pharisees in asking this question?

Yes. They hoped to get a word of accusation

Notice that Matthew adds to the question the words "for every cause." Matt. 19:3.

What rule of married life did Jesus lay down?

What God hath joined together let no man put asunder

"The interval between the final departure from Galilee (10:1) and the public entry into Jerusalem (11:11) was given to three different tasks: ¹the renewed proclamation of the coming of the Kingdom; ²further efforts to win acceptance in Jerusalem, if perchance she might learn to know the things that belonged to her peace; ³and continued training of the disciples." Give a reference to each of these three.

2. 11:1-11

3.

*10:24
10:23-26
10:28-31*

PRAYER: "Grant, Almighty God, that our meditation of Thee this day may be sweet; that pondering upon Thine unchangingness we may the better bear the changefulness of our lives; thinking of Thy constancy we may the better bear the fickleness of our feeling; meditating upon the largeness of Thy love we may the better bear our own coldness. Whatsoever there is evil in us, forgive. Whatsoever there is in us that is good may the circumstances of our life, the friends of our soul, the meditations of our heart, foster and enlarge; so that knowing that which is good in time we may better hope for that which is good in eternity, and rise through the poor goodness of mortal man to the understanding of the infinite goodness of the Lord our God. Amen."

Thought.

Purity a prerequisite of faith

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SEVENTEENTH WEEK. TEACHING IN PEREA.

SECOND DAY: MARK 10:13-16. LITTLE CHILDREN ARE BROUGHT TO HIM.

"If you reveal a truth to the rational inquirer you reveal it to the comparatively few; but if you reveal it to babes you tell it to all."

What did they want Him to do to the children?

Touch them

How did the disciples feel about it?

a waste of time

How did their actions affect Jesus?

he was moved with indignation

What did He say to His disciples?

Suffer the little children to come unto me.

How did Jesus say we must receive the Kingdom?

Compare John 3:3.

As a little child

except ye become as little children ye cannot enter the Kingdom of God

What did He mean by this statement in v. 15?

Those who have characteristics of childhood: receptivity, trustfulness, spirit of dependence, willingness to learn

Are you willing to receive the Kingdom in this way?

yes

How had the leaders among the people received Him?

No

What did He do to the children?

Took them in his arms.

Memorize Mark 10:14

I thought Christ was asked

to touch the children and he took them in his arms; an abundant answer to their prayers. Those who come to Christ get more than they ask.

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SEVENTEENTH WEEK. TEACHING IN PEREA.

THIRD DAY: MARK 10:17-22. A RICH YOUNG MAN
SEEKS HIM.

"True wealth is not what my estate amounts to, but what I amount to."

The young man *ran and kneeled*; what does this imply as to his sincerity?

It implies sincerity

How did Jesus regard him?

He loved him

What was his condition in life?

Rich young ruler of synagogues

What did Jesus tell him to do?

Go, sell whatsoever thou hast and sell

What was the young man's answer?

He is countenance full

What one thing did he lack?

He is unwilling to sacrifice all to be a follower

How did Jesus's words in v. 22 affect him? Contrast

2:14.

He went away sorrowful. Matt arose and followed

Considering your own heart, which of these men would you imitate?

Matthew

Memorize the Ten Commandments. Exodus 20.

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY:

"Life is not as idle ore,

"But iron dug from central gloom,
And heated hot with burning fears,
And dipt in baths of hissing tears,
And batter'd with the shocks of doom

"To shape and use. Arise and fly
The reeling Faun, the sensual feast;
Move upward, working out the beast,
And let the ape and tiger die."

Some think this young man was Lazarus -

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SEVENTEENTH WEEK. TEACHING IN PEREA.

FOURTH DAY: MARK 10:23-27. CONCERNING RICHES.

"No man is able to keep in the Christian life anything that he does not give away."

What was it caused Jesus to use the words in v. 23?

The refusal of the rich young ruler

What did He call His disciples here? See also John 13:33; 21:5; Mark 5:34.

"children." "Little children" "Daughters"

What did He mean by v. 24?

How hard it is to enter into the Kingdom at all "See Sunday 173."

"For a camel to go through the needle's eye" was an oriental proverb for something impossible.

How did these sayings affect the disciples? Vs. 24, 26.

Amazed, astonished & exceedingly

How did Jesus explain the difficulty?

"all things are possible with God"

Thoughts.

- 1. Do I believe the ans. to last question?*
- 2. Does anything stand bet. God and me?*

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SEVENTEENTH WEEK. TEACHING IN PEREA.

FIFTH DAY: MARK 10:28-31. THE REWARD OF SELF-SACRIFICE.

What did Peter mean by his words in v. 28? Compare 1:18, 20 and 2:14.

The leaving of their tasks to follow Him.

For whose sake must they leave these things in order to get the blessing?

the gospel's sake

What were they to receive with the blessing?

Persecutions

What did Jesus mean by v. 31? Read the parable in Matt. 20:1-16.

*Judas became a traitor
Paul the persecutor an apostle*

Thoughts

*Self-sacrifice is an essential
element of progress and
front-driving.*

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SEVENTEENTH WEEK. TEACHING IN PEREA.

SIXTH DAY: MARK 10:32-34. HE FORETELLS HIS DEATH.

Where were they now?

On the way to Jerusalem -

Notice v. 32. "There are few pictures in the Gospels more striking than this of Jesus going forth to His death, and walking along the path into the deep valley, while behind Him in awful reverence and mingled anticipations of dread and hope, their eyes fixed on Him, as with bowed head He preceded them in all the majesty of sorrow; the disciples walked behind Him and dared not disturb His meditations." (Harrar)

They were amazed and afraid, v. 32. What caused this?

His mission.

What things did He tell them would be done to Him?

- (1) *del. to chief priests & scribes*
- (2) *be condemned to death*
- (3) *be del. to Gentiles*
- (4) *be subjected to contumely*
- (5) *be killed* (6) *rise again*

What additional particulars about His death did He tell them now? See 8:31, 9:30-32.

- (1) *Tried and condemned by Sanhedrin.*
- (2) *Roman Trial*
- (3) *Subject to mocking etc*
- (4) *Delivery to Gentiles.*

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Also

Christ's steadfastness of purpose

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SEVENTEENTH WEEK. TEACHING IN PEREA.

SEVENTH DAY: PSALM 90. CHARACTERISTICS OF MARK'S GOSPEL.

Notice the following characteristics which have been referred to in the studies:

1. Impetuous activity: 1:12, 21, 29; 2:13; 3:1, 7, 13, *et al.* Constant use of word "straightway."

2. Realistic details:

Looks of Jesus: 3:5, 34; 5:30-32; 6:41, *et al.*

His gestures: 7:33; 9:35; 10:16; 8:33.

3. Direct discourse: 4:39; 5:8; 6:31, *et al.*

4. His human qualities: 3:5; 8:33; 10:14; 10:21; 6:34; 6:6; 7:34; 8:12; 4:38; 11:12.

5. Mark describes the effects of Jesus's words and deeds: 4:41; 6:51; 10:24, 26, 32; 1:22; 6:2; 1:27; 2:12.

6. The crowds: 2:2; 3:10, 20; 5:31; 6:31, *et al.*

7. Minute details: 1:13, 25; 2:2; 4:38; 5:4, *et al.*

8. Mark gives names, numbers, places, and time: 1:29, 36; 10:40; 13:3; 5:12; 6:40; 14:30; 1:35; 2:1; 4:35; 2:13; 3:7; 5:20; 12:41.

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EIGHTEENTH WEEK. CLOSE OF PEREAN MINISTRY.

FIRST DAY: MARK 10:35-40. THE AMBITION OF JAMES AND JOHN.

What had Jesus said to the disciples in 10:14, 15?

Childlike-ness necessary to citizens of the Kingdom.

What request did they make now?

To sit on his right and one on his left

What was wrong with this request?

The honor must be won by merit not favor

What reply did Jesus make?

It was not his to give.

Do men ever make such a request now?

What did Jesus mean by "drink this cup," "be baptized"?

His suffering and death

Did they drink His cup and were they baptized with His baptism? Acts 12:2.

Yrs.

What does this request of the disciples show as to their motive in following Jesus?

Hope of earthly kingdom.

Have you ever feared such a motive was yours?

Am I a Christian for policy's sake?

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: "What would ye that I should do for you?" What a wonderful opportunity! The Son of God asking mortal man to tell Him something to do for him! And yet Jesus Christ stands and asks that question to-day as truly as when He spoke to James and John. Are the things I really want Him to do for me, deep down in my heart of hearts, such that I need not be ashamed to tell Him?

Christian character must be traced and strengthened by afflictions

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EIGHTEENTH WEEK. CLOSE OF PEREAN MINISTRY.

SECOND DAY: MARK 10:41-45. HOW TO BE GREAT.

How did the others feel when they discovered what was going on?

Moved with indignation

What does this show as to the feeling among the apostles?

They were beginning to be jealous of one another

V. 42. "You know that among the heathen their supreme rulers exercise severe despotic power over their subjects, and these in turn tyrannize over those under them."

How did Jesus say it must be among His followers?

the first one shall be servant of all
How is it in your life?

What great announcement did Jesus make in v. 45?

he came to give his life a ransom for

What is a ransom?

redemption from captivity by paying an equivalent. It implies both substitution and equivalence

What was it He was to give? Compare Rom. 5:10, 11.

His life

PRAYER: "We bless and praise and magnify Thee, O God of our fathers, who hast led us out of the shadows of night once more into the light of day. Unto Thy loving kindness we make our entreaty; be merciful to our misdeeds; accept our prayers in the fulness of Thy compassion, for Thou art our refuge from one generation to another, O merciful and almighty God. Suffer the true Sun of Thy righteousness to shine in our hearts, enlighten our reason, and purify our senses; that so we may walk honestly as in the day, in the way of Thy commandments, and reach at last the life eternal, where we shall rejoice in Thy inaccessible life. For Thou art the Fountain of Life, and in Thy Light shall we see light. Amen."

Memorize Mark 10:45.

Thought.

Our greatness will depend upon our willingness to serve.

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EIGHTEENTH WEEK. CLOSE OF PEREAN MINISTRY.

THIRD DAY: MARK 10:46-52. HE RESTORES SIGHT TO BARTIMÆUS.

Locate Jericho on the map.

Why would Jesus be apt to meet a great multitude at this time?

Passover was the following week

What did Bartimæus cry out? *Jesus, thou son of David*
~~Because he heard of Jesus~~

How did his crying affect the crowd?

They rebuked him

How did it affect Jesus?

He paused and said Call him

What message did they carry to the blind man?

Be of good cheer, rise, he calleth thee

How did he respond?

sprang up and came to Jesus

What was his request?

That I may receive my sight.

Rabboni, v. 51. The highest title he could give Him.

Having received his sight, what did the beggar do?

Followed him in the way.

Thou sight.

What will thou do?

See "With Christ" by Murray

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EIGHTEENTH WEEK. CLOSE OF PEREAN MINISTRY.

FOURTH DAY: ISA. 11:1-9. HIS MIRACLES AND PARABLES.

Make a list of the miracles recorded by Mark, arranging them to show his victorious power over

- (1) Nature, *4:35-41* - *8:1-9*
6:35-43
6:44-52
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- (2) The spirit world, *1:21-27* *9:16-29*
5:1-19
7:24-30
-
- (3) Disease, *1:24-31* *3:1-6* *8:23-26*
1:40-45 *5:24-34*
2:1-5 *7:32-37*
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- (4) Death. *5:35-43*

(Only one miracle is recorded at length in the part of the gospel not yet studied, viz.: 11:12-14.)

Make a list of the parables recorded by Mark.

Sower *4:1-9*
Fig *4:21-23*
Seed *4:26-29*

Mustard *4:30-32*

thoughts Would the ratio between Jesus's words and works hold in your life?

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EIGHTEENTH WEEK. CLOSE OF PEREAN MINISTRY.

FIFTH DAY: MARK 14:3-9. HE IS ANOINTED AT BETHANY.

(This is the proper place chronologically for this scene.)

Locate Bethany on the map.

Simon the leper, v. 3. A leper who had been cured.

A woman, v. 3. Mary, sister of Lazarus. John 12:3.

Cruse, v. 3. A small flask manufactured in Alabastion in Egypt.

Spikenard, v. 3. "One of the costliest ointments known to the ancients."

Poured it over his head, v. 3. Compare Luke 7:46. This was a mark of respect shown to a guest.

Who was it that thought this use of the ointment was wasteful? John 12:4.

Judas

"At thirty pence he did Christ's death devise,
Who at three hundred did the ointment prize."

What was Judas's motive in saying this? John 12:6.

*low this he said not because he cared for the poor
but because he was a thief and having the bag torn
away whatever he put therein*

Pence, v. 5. See marginal note on Matt. 18:28

What did Jesus think of Mary's act?

*"She hath done what she could, she
hath anointed my body for the
burying."*

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EIGHTEENTH WEEK. CLOSE OF PEREAN MINISTRY.

SIXTH DAY: 2 PETER 1:12-21. FOR WHOM DID MARK WRITE?

Remembering Peter's intention expressed in 2 Peter 1:15 and the statement made in the Study for the first week, first day, form an opinion from evidence already adduced as to the people for whom the Gospel of Mark was originally written:

See the following references:

1. First week, second day.

Mark himself only quotes the O.T. twice.

- Fifth week, first day.

Interprets foreign phrases.

- Eighth week, fourth day.

same.

7:11, 10:46, 12:42, 14:36, 15:34. —

Interprets "Canaan" — baptizans — 2nd. fathering — alba = father — Eloi, Eloi la sabachthani — translated

2. First week, third day.

Present Jesus in the fulness of his living energy

3. Eleventh week, first day. See also 15:42.

explains Jewish customs.

4. Mark uses many Latin forms which do not occur in the other gospels.

5. Mark only mentions that Simon was the father of Alexander and Rufus, 15:21. Was this because Rufus was well known in Rome? Rom. 16:13. *Probably*

6. Notice Mark's omissions:

(a) Discourses; (b) parables with Jewish significance; (c) no genealogy.

7. Mark presented Jesus not as fulfilling prophecy; not as satisfying human yearning; not as the foundation of the Church, but "as the personal embodiment of the Son of God in the fulness of His present, living energy, demonstrating Himself the Son of God by His divine working."

Mark wrote for Gentiles and probably Roman Christians

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EIGHTEENTH WEEK. CLOSE OF PEREAN MINISTRY.

SEVENTH DAY: MARK 10:2-52. THE PEREAN MINISTRY.

Briefly outline the Perea ministry.

teaches about divorce, (2) blesses little children, (3) rich man questions him, (4) Jesus about money, (5) rewards of self sacrifice, (6) foretells death, (7) ambition of James & John, (8) cleans Bethaniam, (9) mounted at Bethany.

How long was it and where was it mostly spent?

Six months. Mostly in Perea.

What were its characteristic features? *Period of opposition*
also see Note P. 113.

How did it differ from the Galilean ministry?

As opposition differs from popularity.

Why is it called the Period of Opposition?

Because the opposition became intense and the Sanhedrin planned his death.

"What were the thoughts and feelings of Jesus Himself during this year? To Him also it was a year of sore trial. Now for the first time the deep lines of care and pain were traced upon His face. During the twelve-month of successful work in Galilee, He was borne up with the joy of successful achievement. But now He became, in the truest sense, the Man of Sorrows. Behind Him was His rejection in Galilee. The sorrow which He felt at seeing the ground on which He had bestowed so much labor turning out barren, is to be measured only by the greatness of His love to the souls He sought to save, and the depth of His devotion to His work. In front of Him was His rejection at Jerusalem."

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NINETEENTH WEEK. THE BEGINNING OF THE END.

FIRST DAY: MARK 11:1-3. HE PREPARES TO ENTER JERUSALEM.

THE LAST WEEK, 11:1-16:1.

SUNDAY—THE DAY OF TRIUMPH.

We come now to the last week of the life of Jesus. From the fact that Mark devotes 233 verses to this week and only 425 verses to the other three years of His public life, we may judge something of the comparative importance of the events of this week. In Matthew, seven chapters, Luke, five, and John, eight, record the events of this last week. It has been estimated that if the rest of the life of Jesus on earth were as fully described as this last week, it would take eighty books the size of our Bible to contain the record.

Locate Bethphage and the Mount of Olives on the map. Where were Jesus and the disciples coming from?

Jericho see x: 46
The village that is over against you, v. 2. Probably Bethphage.

Notice how Mark gives vividness to his narrative by using the present tense, *draw nigh, he sendeth, saith*.

Remembering from whom Mark got his material and the minuteness of the detail here, can we imagine who was one of the two disciples in v. 1? *Peter*

Colt, v. 2. Matthew tells us it was the colt of an ass. "In the East the ass is in high esteem. In contrast to the horse which had been introduced by Solomon from Egypt, and was used especially in war, it was the symbol of peace." It was peculiarly the national animal. See 1 Samuel 25:20, Numb. 22:21, Gen. 22:3. See the prophesy in Zech. 9:9. *thy king cometh . . . riding upon an ass*

On what mission were the two sent?

Loose the colt and bring him
What were they to say to anyone who interfered?

The Lord hath need of him
What is the meaning of the words "and straightway he will send him back hither," in v. 3? *They as soon as Christ*

had no further need of him he would return the colt.

*See Map
Sunday*

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NINETEENTH WEEK. THE BEGINNING OF THE END.

SECOND DAY: MARK 11:4-11. HE ENTERS JERUSALEM.

What did they find?

*a colt tied at the door without in
the open street.*

Notice the vividness of vs. 4 and 5.

Who were the "certain of them that stood by"? See
Luke 19:33.

the owners.

What did the disciples do?

*brought the colt to Jesus and
cast on him their garments.*

What did the people do? Read also Luke 19:37.

*spread their garments in the way, then
branches and cried "Hosanna".*

What had brought this crowd out of the city? John
12:17-19.

The raising of Lazarus.

What did the people say?

*Hosanna, Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord. etc*

Hosanna, v. 9. This is the first word of Psalm 118:25.

Hosanna in the highest, v. 10. In the highest heavens.

As He approached Jerusalem what were His feelings?

Read Luke 19:41-44. *He wept.*

Where did He go in Jerusalem?

to the Temple

Where did He go at evening?

to Bethany.

Thoughts.

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1. Has Christ entered triumphant
into my life?

2. "When he had looked round about"

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NINETEENTH WEEK. THE BEGINNING OF THE END.

THIRD DAY: MARK II:12-14. THE BARREN FIG-TREE.

MONDAY.—THE DAY OF AUTHORITY.

What was His physical condition?

hungry.

Where had He spent the night?

at Bethany

Is it probable that He could have spent it at the home of Mary and Martha and been hungry in the morning?

No. He probably was in the open with G.

If not at their house, where might He have been? —

A fig-tree having leaves, v. 13. "The fig-tree does not usually send forth leaves until the fruit is ripe; this tree, therefore, which was seen afar off among the leafless fig-trees, seemed according to the nature of the tree to be an early fruit-bearer."

Of what was such a tree a symbol?

False profession without performance

What did He say to the tree?

No man eat fruit from thee henceforward for ever

Notice this was His only miracle of judgment, and it was performed on an inanimate object to teach a moral lesson.

Memorize 2 Tim. 2:15.

Thoughts. 1. Make life accord with profession.

2. During the triumphal entry Jesus went on the morning ¹²⁹ following he hungered for he came to bear all those refuse wh. are the common lot of mankind.

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NINETEENTH WEEK. THE BEGINNING OF THE END.

FOURTH DAY: MARK 11:15-19. HE CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE A SECOND TIME.

(Compare this account with the first cleansing recorded in John 2:13-22.)

Why did the money changers and dove sellers frequent the Temple?

For the convenience of vendors one of the corners of the temple was set apart for a market, where they could buy what animals they needed for sacrifice.

To what did Jesus appeal in v. 17? See marginal references.

He didn't. See Isa. 56:7 and Jer. 7:11

How did this affect the people?

they were astonished at his teaching

How did this affect the priests and scribes?

they sought how they might destroy him for they feared him.

Why did they fear Him?

because of his power

PRAYER: "O God, who hast redeemed us by the gift of Thine own Son, so cleanse and purify our hearts by the indwelling of Thy Spirit that we may always live to Thee. Keep us ever on the higher levels of desire that the evil in our thoughts may find no room to work, and that the good by practice may grow strong. May we go from strength to strength thinking Thy thoughts and growing in the image of our Lord. Reveal to us the meaning of this life of trial, with its joys and sorrows and perplexities, and let us spend its years with Thee as learners in Thy school of righteousness. Help us to love our neighbor as ourself. In all ministry of truth and kindness be our inspiration and our guide. And may the just and loving life of Jesus move us to joyful emulation day by day. Amen."

Thought: They who suffer vain worldly thoughts & lodge within them when they are at devotions, turn the house of prayer into a house of prayer.

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NINETEENTH WEEK. THE BEGINNING OF
THE END.

FIFTH DAY: MARK 11:19. WHERE HE SPENT HIS
EVENINGS.

Read also Psalm 91.

Where did He spend the evenings of this week? Matt.

21:17. *at Bethany*

With whom probably?

Mary, Martha, Lazarus.

How did He regard these friends? John 11:5.

He "loved" them

What do you suppose led Him to seek this home each
night?

*their welcome, sympathy,
affection*

If your home had been in that neighborhood would He
have sought it?

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: What a joy it would be to
know that my home would be a welcome place to Him;
that the pictures on the walls and the books on the shelves
would be pleasing to Him; that the conversation of the
inmates and the intercourse of the members of the house-
hold would be such that He would delight to have a part
in it. Help me, O Lord, to make my home and all its
surroundings such that Thou canst come there and abide.

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NINETEENTH WEEK. THE BEGINNING OF THE END.

SIXTH DAY: MARK II:20-23. THE LESSON OF THE FIG-TREE.

TUESDAY.—THE DAY OF CONFLICT.

As they went to Jerusalem in the morning what attracted their attention?

the fig-tree withered.

How did the sight affect the disciples? Matt. 21:20.

they marvelled saying How did the fig-tree immediately wither away.

What did Jesus mean by "have faith in God"?

faith in the boundless resources of God, who is the personification of miraculous power, and is in covenant with his people."

Mention anything showing that they needed this injunction.

The fact that they marvelled that it had withered.

Whom does Jude intend to describe by his words?

Jude 12.

The faithless see Jude 10.

Is there any lesson of warning in these verses in Mark? *Yes. Doubt*

by the mountain he understands whatever things are arduous" (Zion) Mountains of sin, of temptation, of distrust, of distress, and of misfortune, have been removed by faith."

See Andrew Murray's "With Christ"
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NINETEENTH WEEK. THE BEGINNING OF
THE END.

SEVENTH DAY: MARK 11:24, 25. A LESSON ON PRAYER.

What has become of v. 26?

*It does not occur in the
first miss and is omitted.*

What two conditions does Jesus lay down here for pre-
vailing prayer? Read also Matt. 6:14, 15.

Faith — Forgiveness

Has the failure to meet these two conditions had any-
thing to do with your unanswered prayers?

Certainly

What is it to forgive?

See Andrew Murray P. 103. With Chr

to love

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TWENTIETH WEEK. ENCOUNTER WITH PRIESTS AND SCRIBES.

FIRST DAY: MARK 11:27-33. HIS AUTHORITY QUESTIONED.

Where was He now?

In the temple

What was He doing? Luke 20:1.

teaching the people.

The chief priests, the scribes, and the elders, v. 27. The three classes who composed the Sanhedrin, the highest ecclesiastical court, but the whole life of the Jews was so governed by theocratic ideas that it became the supreme civil court.

What did they mean by "these things" in v. 28?

teaching— every new teacher must have his certificate see Sunday P. 191

What was their question?

By what authority dost thou these things?

How did Jesus answer their question? *By asking*

the baptism of John, was it from heaven or from men?

It is still customary in eastern countries to answer one question by asking another.

How did Jesus's question puzzle the deputation?

They were forced to admit John to be a prophet or antagonize the people.

What answer did they make?

"We know not."

Thoughts The one thing which never occurred to these ecclesiastical leaders was to speak out what they thought; they wished to say what would pay best in the circumstances, and said what, as common sense would have made them ridiculous.

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TWENTIETH WEEK. ENCOUNTER WITH PRIESTS AND SCRIBES.

SECOND DAY: MARK 12:1-11. THE PARABLE OF THE VINEYARD.

Hedge, v. 1. Probably some sort of stone wall.

Wine press, v. 1. Often these were cut out of the solid rock. The grapes were placed in them and the juice squeezed out by trampling. (See Judges 9:27, Isa. 16:10, Jer. 25:30.) It was usually a time of great rejoicing.

Tower, v. 1. "Every vineyard in Palestine has a tower or stone building about twenty feet high with a flat roof, on which sits a watcher to guard the fruit."

What is the subject of this parable?

The Jews' treatment of God -

What suggested it to Jesus?

This denunciation from the Sanhedrin

Who is represented by "a certain man?"

God

Whom did He mean by the servants of vs. 2, 4, 5?

Prophets. See Lancelotti P. 18

How had the people treated these servants?

Beaten, wounded, slain.

Who did He mean by son, v. 6?

Himself.

What did they do with the Son? *Killed him*

What have you done with Him?

What would be the result to the husbandmen?

Destroy the husbandmen and give the vine with others.

What lesson is there for us in this parable?

The chief teaching is plain and is stated in vs 9 and 10. The Jews in refusal to listen to the prophets and Jesus

had brought upon themselves divine punishment, and, as is stated in Matt 23, it is to be taken from them and

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TWENTIETH WEEK. ENCOUNTER WITH PRIESTS AND SCRIBES.

THIRD DAY: MARK 12:12. THEY WANT TO ARREST
HIM.

What did the Scribes want to do?

lay hold on him

Why did they not?

fear the multitude

What did they do?

left him and went away.

In what respect was the parable spoken against them?

they were rejecting Him.

PRAYER: "Eternal God, who hast never dawn nor evening, yet sendest us alternate mercies of the darkness and the day, there is no light but Thine, without or within. As Thou liftest the curtains of night from our abode, take also the veil from all our hearts. Rise with Thy morning upon our souls; quicken all our labor and our prayer; and, though all else declines, let the noontide of Thy grace and peace remain. May we walk, while it is yet day, in the steps of Him who, with fewest hours, finished Thy divinest work. Amen."

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TWENTIETH WEEK. ENCOUNTER WITH PRIESTS AND SCRIBES.

FOURTH DAY: MARK 12:13-17. THE TRIBUTE MONEY.

Who were sent to Jesus now?

Certain of the Pharisees and Herodians.

The Pharisees would represent the religious party; the Herodians the government; note again the union of these natural enemies against Jesus. (See 3:6.)

What does Luke say about them in 20:20?

Jeered themselves to be righteous, that they might take hold of his speech so as to deliver him up -

What did they say to Jesus when they came to Him?

V. 14. Master, we know that thou art true and carest not for any one: - - - - - taught the way of God

What was their question?

Is't lawful to give tribute unto Caesar or not?

"Jewish patriots denounced the payment of tribute (1) because the Roman money, stamped with the image of the emperor, was idolatrous; (2) because no Gentile had a right to impose a yoke on the people of God. If Christ said *Yes*, His accusers would denounce Him to the people as an oppressor; if *No*, they could accuse Him to the Romans as a rebel." *Goodman P. 195*

Notice how Jesus looked into their hearts, Matt. 22:18, Mark 12:15, Luke 20:23, and remember His eyes never grow dim.

What question did Jesus ask?

Whose is this image and superscription?

What was His answer?

Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's.

What effect did it have upon the people?

they marvelled greatly at him.

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: "Whose is this image and superscription?" V. 16. As He looks at your home, your ambitions, your possessions to-day, and asks of you this question, what answer will you give? Whose image do they bear?

Give back to God that wh. has the image and superscription of God - the soul

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TWENTIETH WEEK. ENCOUNTER WITH PRIESTS AND SCRIBES.

FIFTH DAY: MARK 12:18-27. WHOSE WIFE IS SHE?

Sadducees, v. 18. They disregarded all the traditions and unwritten laws which the Pharisees prized so highly, and professed to consider the Scriptures, especially the Pentateuch, as the only source and rule of the Jewish religion. They belonged chiefly to the upper and wealthy classes. "They were sceptical, cold-hearted men."

Were they honestly seeking light?

No.

From what do they quote in v. 19?

Deut 25:5-10. also Ruth 3:13.

What twofold reason did Jesus give as the cause of their error? V. 24.

*Know not the scriptures
nor the power of God.*

What does He mean by "the power of God"?

*the power of God, seen in the return of the Sprung
wings of the Dove -- are all earnest of our resurrection by the same
power (1 Cor 15:21), according to the mighty working whereby He is able to*

What does Jesus quote in v. 26?

Exodus 3:1-6

Why does He quote that particular part of the Old Testament?

*Because they professed to
believe it.*

The Bush, v. 26. This was a portion of Exodus (3:1-6) called by this name.

What does the general statement about God in v. 27 teach on the subject of immortality?

*It indicates clearly that there
is an immortality See I P.M.*

Thought.

*This twofold ignorance is the
mother of all errors. Does this acc*

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TWENTIETH WEEK. ENCOUNTER WITH PRIESTS AND SCRIBES.

SIXTH DAY: MARK 12:28-34. WHAT COMMANDMENT
IS FIRST?

Christ's Creed—Love.

What was the Scribe's question?

What commandment is the first of all?

What induced him to ask it?

Because he knew that Christ had assumed

What did Jesus say was the first commandment?

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all

What the second?

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself

Where were these commandments written? (See
marginal references.)

Deut 6: 4, 5.

"The Jews divided the Pentateuch into 613 precepts,
365 prohibitions, as many as there were days in the year,
and 228 commandments, as many as there were parts in
the body. They distinguished between greater and lesser,
and had many disputes about the greatest. Among the
greater commandments they reckoned Sabbath observance,
circumcision, rules of sacrifice and offering, and
rules about fringes and phylacteries."

What was the Scribe's reply?

Of a truth, master, thou hast well said etc

What did Jesus mean by His answer to the Scribe?

He was not far from the kingdom but he had not entered in. See

How did the discussion end?

No man after that dared ask him any question

Memorize Mark 12:30, 31.

V. 30. Love seated in the HEART rules the LIFE, in-
spires the MIND, and imparts STRENGTH to the whole man.

*Life is not a holiday but an education, and the
one eternal lesson for us all is, how better*

can we love & command -

When life's all love 'tis life

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TWENTIETH WEEK. ENCOUNTER WITH PRIESTS AND SCRIBES.

SEVENTH DAY: MARK 12:13-37. THE THREE QUESTIONS.

What three questions were asked of Jesus?

1. Is it lawful to render tribute to Caesar?
2. Whose wife shall she be?
3. What is the first commandment?

Who was it that asked them?

Pharisee, Herodian, Scribe.

What was the purpose of each in asking?

To entangle him

Do you know of people who ask similar questions now? Yes.

Read Matt. 22:41, 42 and state the question here asked by Jesus?

What think ye of the Christ?
Whose Son is he?

What does the last clause of Mark 12:37 tell us about the words of Jesus?

That they appealed to the multitude but not to the Pharisees.

What element in the character of Jesus is disclosed by this record?

Courage.

Thought.

What do I think of Christ?

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TWENTY-FIRST WEEK. LAST TEACHINGS.

FIRST DAY: MARK 12:38-40. HE DENOUNCES MERE
EXTERNAL PIETY.

Read the address in full in Matt. 23.

What does the fact that Mark reports the address so briefly, while Matthew gives it in full, show as to the people for whom Mark wrote?

Not Jews — but Romans.

To whom did Jesus speak at this time? Matt. 23:1.

Multitudes and disciples.

Long robes, v. 38. What kind of people would be designated in this way to-day?

Forniculators.

About whom was Jesus speaking? Matt. 23:1.

Scribes & Pharisees.

What does Mark 12:39 tell of their character?

Love praise of men

What does v. 40 tell?

They shall receive their reward

What does Jesus call them in Matt. 23:13, 15, 23, and 39?

Hypocrites.

Point out where in verses 13 to 40 in Mark the evangelist shows us the (1) ambition, (2) avarice, and (3) hypocritical external piety of the Scribes and Pharisees.

I
38
39

II
40

III
14.
15.
40.

Thought.

Christ never denounced anything
as much as ¹⁴¹ he did hypocrisy.
Am I genuine?

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TWENTY-FIRST WEEK. LAST TEACHINGS.

SECOND DAY: MARK 12:41-44. THE LIBERAL WIDOW.

Where was Jesus now?

at the temple.

After the strife and worry of the questions see Him calmly sitting down and watching the people pass in and out and make their offerings. Does He watch my gifts to-day?

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unsheim
Treasury, v. 41. Thirteen brazen chests standing in the central court of the Temple.

Two mites, v. 42. "The smallest copper coin in use among the Jews, two of which was the smallest offering allowed to be given into the Treasury."

What did He say the widow had done? V. 44.

She of her want did cast in all that she had, even
Note the change in the Revised Version of the word *all her live*
abundance in v. 44. *superfluity = overplus.*

Why did He think the widow had done better than the others? V. 44.

The essence of charity is self-denial.

What principle of giving is Jesus emphasizing here?

God measures our charity not by its amount, but by our means, and by the spirit in which we give.

Am I willing to give Him all I have?

Thought.

Self sacrifice essential to growth.

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TWENTY-FIRST WEEK. LAST TEACHINGS.

THIRD DAY: MARK 13:1-13. HE FORETELLS THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM.

He went forth out of the temple, v. 1. He never returned to it. The beauty of the temple attracted the eyes of the Galilean fishermen and they called His attention to it.

What did Jesus predict of the temple?

There shall not be left here one stone upon another which shall not be thrown down.
Trace their journey out of Jerusalem.

Mount of Olives, v. 3. A ridge rather more than a mile long, running north and south, covering the whole eastern side of the city, and separating and screening it from the wilderness, which lies beyond it.

Where were they going? Mark 11:19.

Bethany or its neighborhood.

What questions did the disciples ask? See Matt. 24:3.

When shall these things be? What shall be the sign?

Notice that Mark gives the names of the disciples (see the same thing in 1:29, 36; 10:46; 15:21; 15:40). This is characteristic of Mark.

Write out vs. 5 and 6.

Take heed that no man leads you astray for many false teachers will appear.

State the substance of vs. 7 to 9.

Christ predicts the wars and disorders of that century and warns them of their own trials.

What did Jesus say must first happen? V. 10.

the gospel must first be preached to all nations.

What advice did He give them in v. 11?

Be not anxious

What did He tell them was to be the condition of the world? Vs. 12 and 13.

civil strife and family hatred

Who should be saved? V. 13.

He that endureth. - heroic perseverance

which in the end triumphs over temptations, persecutions, and hindrances and so wins that everlasting salvation wh. leads to

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TWENTY-FIRST WEEK. LAST TEACHINGS.

FOURTH DAY: MARK 13:14-23. THE DAYS OF DESTRUCTION.

Read Luke 21:20 to explain v. 14.

Josephus, describing the siege of Jerusalem, declares that "the misfortunes of all men from the beginning of the world, if they be compared to those of the Jews, are not so terrible as theirs were," "nor did any age produce a generation more fruitful in wickedness from the beginning of the world. The horrors of war and sedition, of famine and pestilence, were such as exceeded all example or conception. The city was densely crowded by the multitudes which had come up to the passover. Pestilence ensued and famine followed. Acts of violence and cruelty were perpetrated without compunction or remorse, and barbarities enacted which cannot be described. Mothers snatched the food from the mouths of their husbands and children, and one actually killed, roasted, and devoured her infant son. (Compare Lev. 26:29, Deut. 28:56, 57.) The besieged devoured even the filth of the streets, and so excessive was the stench that it was necessary to hurl 600,000 corpses over the wall, while 97,000 captives were taken during the war, and more than 1,100,000 perished in the siege."

What do you think of one who could thus foretell coming events?

He must be the divine son of God

Thought

But take ye heed: Behold, I have told you all things beforehand.

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TWENTY-FIRST WEEK. LAST TEACHINGS.

FIFTH DAY: MARK 13:24-27. THE SIGNS OF THE END.

Read also 2 Peter 3:7-13, Rev. 21.

What does Jesus teach here about His own return?

That he will return with great power and glory—

What does He teach about a separation to be made among the people on the earth?

He will gather together the elect.

What does He teach about the extent of His kingdom upon the earth?

"From the uttermost part of the earth"

PRAYER: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou those who are penitent, according to Thy promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

Thought: Seeing that these things are thus all to be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy living and godliness? 2 Pet 3:11

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TWENTY-FIRST WEEK. LAST TEACHINGS.

SIXTH DAY: MARK 13:28-37. THE RIGHT ATTITUDE
OF DISCIPLES.

What lesson does Jesus teach by the parable in v. 28?

*The sequence of events is as sure in the world
of history, as in the sphere of moral order and course
as in nature.*

What does He say about the truth of His words?

*But my words shall not
pass away.*

What does He say about the knowledge of the time
of His return?

*Of that day or that hour
knoweth no one*

In view of this what does He say we should do?

Be ye heed, watch and pray -

In what state of mind should we live? V. 37.

Watch. Expectant state.

V. 35. These are the Roman modes of reckoning time.
See Tenth Week, Fifth Day.

Also see Lindsay P. 209.

"The four moral keynotes of this discourse on the last
things are Beware, Watch, Endure, Pray."

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TWENTY-FIRST WEEK. LAST TEACHINGS.

SEVENTH DAY: MARK 11:20-13:37. TUESDAY OF THE
LAST WEEK.

Make a list of the events of this day.

1. Lesson from the doomed fig tree.
2. The Pharisees question the authority of Jesus.
3. Parable of the wicked tenants.
4. Pharisee questions.
5. Jesus puts a question about the Church.
6. Warnings against the Pharisees.
7. The widow's offering.
8. Predictions of the destruction of Jerusalem and end of the world.

Someone has said, "Tuesday, the last day of His public activity, exhibits Jesus in four different lights according as He had to do with His critics, with the devout widow, with the inquiring Greeks (John 12:20, 21), and with His own disciples."

What are these four different lights?

1. Critics = calm, cold, stern, bold.
2. Devout widow = appreciative.
3. Greeks = anxious to teach.
4. Disciples = open-hearted.

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TWENTY-SECOND WEEK. HIS LAST HOURS WITH THE DISCIPLES.

FIRST DAY: MARK 14:1, 2, 10, 11. JUDAS ARRANGES
THE BETRAYAL.

(This event took place late Tuesday night.)

What was the feast of the Passover?

celebrated the bringing of the host of Israel out of Egypt when the angel

What did Jesus tell His disciples? Matt. 26:2.

part on the Jews house
"the son of man is delivered up to be crucified"

What detail did He add here to His previous predictions of His death?

that it was to be by crucifixion

Who sought Him at this time?

chief priests & scribes.

Why did they not want to seize Him just now?

they feared a tumult of the Jews

With whom did the idea of betrayal originate?

Judas
"If it had not been for Judas, Jesus might have escaped"

How did his offer appeal to the enemies of Jesus?

they were glad and promised to give him money.

How much did they give him? Matt. 26:15.

30 pieces of silver = 20 = four month's wages of a laboring man in Palestine = price of a slave

A piece of silver was a shekel; thirty shekels was the price of a slave.

From this time what was Judas seeking to do?

Sought how he might conveniently deliver him.

Thought: The betrayal by Judas

shows us that no religious environment will suffice to make a man religious. The environment of Judas was perfect. It is the strongest comment on the passage that the heart with all diligence for out-

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TWENTY-SECOND WEEK. HIS LAST HOURS WITH THE DISCIPLES.

SECOND DAY: WEDNESDAY, THE DAY OF RETIREMENT.

Of this day we have no record.

From Mark 11:19 try to form an idea of what Jesus was doing and from Matt. 26:16 of what Judas was doing.

*Christ at Bethany with God or close friends
Judas at Jerusalem " His enemies.*

Judas Iscariot. By what words is he always described in the lists of the disciples?

who also betrayed him

From John 12:4, 6, Matt. 27:3-10, and Acts 1:18, 25 give your estimate of the character of Judas.

*thief repentant that he might go to his own place
He seems a doomed man -*

What was his great defect? *different ones have said*

this was (1) jealousy, (2) ambition, (3) covetousness, (4) selfishness.

To find the wickedest man in the world we have to look among the apostles.

PRAYER: "O Thou who art the everlasting light, in our times of trouble, brighten the daily path of Thy children with the shining of Thy face. Let the sense of Thy presence, like the shining of the sun, be always about us and within us. We ask not for Thy coming, our Father, as if Thou wert afar off and needed our entreaty, but for the grace of hospitality in our own hearts whereby they may be open doors for Thy waiting visitations of love and light. So may we come into those great communions of spirit which bring strength and quietness to our lives. Hear us, O Lord, in this deep wish of our souls, that we may be conscious of Thy companionship, in the night watches, in the hour of temptation and in our seasons of loneliness and sorrow, for the sake of Jesus our Shepherd and our Saviour. Amen."

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TWENTY-SECOND WEEK. HIS LAST HOURS WITH THE DISCIPLES.

THIRD DAY: MARK 14:12-15. HE TELLS THEM WHERE
TO PREPARE THE PASSOVER.

THURSDAY.—THE LAST DAY WITH HIS DISCIPLES.

“On this morning He awoke never to sleep on earth again.”

The first day of unleaven bread, v. 12. To the Jews leaven symbolized (1) The haste with which they fled from Egypt (Exodus 12:34, 39); (2) Their sufferings in Egypt (Deut. 16:3); (3) Their purity as a consecrated nation, leaven being a symbol of impurity.

What was the disciples' question?

Where wilt thou that we go and make ready that thou mayest eat the passover?
Whom did He send? Luke 22:8.

Peter and John

A man bearing a pitcher, v. 13. This would be unusual, as women usually did this work.

What were they to say to the householder?

The Master saith, where is my guest-chamber where I shall eat the passover with my disciples.

Thought— The Master saith, v. 14. Is this reason enough for you in your life every day? *Yes.*

Why this apparent secrecy?

Because Judas is plotting.

Furnished and ready, v. 15. The house had to be carefully purged of leaven; this the master of the house would do and so the room would be ready.

Where wilt Thou that we make ready? V. 12. What answer would you make if Jesus asked you this question to-day?

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TWENTY-SECOND WEEK. HIS LAST HOURS WITH THE DISCIPLES.

FOURTH DAY: MARK 14:16, 17. THEY PREPARE FOR
THE PASSOVER.

The obedient disciples found that Jesus had spoken the truth.

They made ready, v. 16. "This would include besides the lamb, the provision of the unleaven cakes, of the bitter herbs, the four or five cups of red wine mixed with water, of everything in short necessary for the meal."

Where had Jesus been all this day? V. 17.

At Bethany.

"It was probably while the sun was beginning to decline in the horizon that Jesus and the disciples descended once more over the Mount of Olives into the Holy City. Before them lay Jerusalem in her festive attire. White tents dotted the sward, gay with the bright flowers of early spring, or peered out from the gardens and the darker foliage of the olive plantations. From the gorgeous Temple buildings, dazzling in their snow-white marble and gold, on which the slanting rays of the sun were reflected, rose the smoke of the altar of burnt offering. . . . The streets must have been thronged with strangers and the flat roofs covered with eager gazers, who either feasted their eyes with a first sight of the Sacred City for which they had so often longed, or else once more rejoiced in view of the well-remembered localities. It was the last day-view which the Lord had of the Holy City—till His resurrection!"

Thought.

*As the disciples obeyed,
they learned that Jesus
spoke the truth.*

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TWENTY-SECOND WEEK. HIS LAST HOURS WITH THE DISCIPLES.

FIFTH DAY: MARK 14:18-21. HE ANNOUNCES THE BETRAYAL.

Sat, v. 18. Reclined. Compare John 13:23. It is supposed John sat next to Jesus, with his back to the Lord, "lying on Jesus's breast," so that by bending his head back he could whisper to Him (John 13:25) and that Judas was on the other side, so that Jesus could whisper to him (Matt. 26:25).

What did Jesus tell His disciples now?

One of you shall betray me.

What was their question?

Is it I?

Did Judas also ask this question?

Yes

see Matt 26:25.

What was Jesus's answer?

Thou hast said.

In what relationship to Jesus did the traitor stand?

*I am one of the twelve, he that sitteth
with me in the dish*

In what ways is it possible for friends to betray Jesus
to-day?

By disobeying any of his commands

Memorize 1 Cor. 10:13.

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: "To be true—true in word, scorning a lie; true in act as disciples of Him who is the Truth; true in thought, hating pretence and dishonesty; true of heart, in all constancy of obedience to the Father of our spirits—this is the ambition and endeavor of every child of God."

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TWENTY-SECOND WEEK. HIS LAST HOURS WITH THE DISCIPLES.

SIXTH DAY: MARK 14:22-26. HE INSTITUTES THE
LORD'S SUPPER.

Read also Matt. 26:26-30, Luke 22:19-22.

As they were eating Jesus took bread; what did He do then?

Blessed it, and brake it.

As He gave them the bread what did He say? Luke 22:19. See also 1 Cor. 11:25.

This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

What did He mean by the words, in Luke, "which is given for you"?

For all Christ's life was part of his work and his sacrifice included His activity as well as his passive suffering - His life as well as his death! I P. 216.

What did Jesus do next? Mark 14:23.

Took a cup

What did He say? Luke 22:20.

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, even that wh. is for out for you

What did He mean by the words in Mark 14:24?

It was to be not merely an instrument of eternal or temporal reparation and satisfaction, but of a true, deep and living union of God as their living father, resting on an experience of his fatherly forgiveness of a

Is there anything in v. 24 that shows that this blood was shed not for the twelve apostles only?

the word "many"

How did they close the supper? V. 26.

sung a hymn

Where did they go?

Mount of Olives

What do we have in our worship corresponding with this supper?

Lord's Supper or Communion

Do you observe the command of Luke 22:19?

It implies¹⁵³ church membership.

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TWENTY-SECOND WEEK. HIS LAST HOURS WITH THE DISCIPLES.

SEVENTH DAY: MARK 14:27-31. HE FORETELLS THEIR
DESERTION.

What did Jesus now tell His disciples?

all ye shall be offended = will fall away

What relationship did He here say He bore toward the
disciples? See also John 10:11-18.

Shepherd.

What did He tell them they would do?

the sheep shall be scattered abroad

What did Peter say?

altho' all shall be offended, yet will not I.

What did Jesus tell Peter?

Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.

What did all the disciples say?

In like manner also so said they all.

"Forsake the Christ thou sawest transfigured, Him
Who trod the sea and brought the dead to life,
What should wring this from thee? Ye laugh and ask
What wrung it? Even a torch-light and a noise,
The sudden Roman fasces, violent hands,
And fear of what the Jews might do! Just that,
And it is written, 'I forsook and fled.'
There was my trial and it ended thus."

*Thought:- Do I forsake Christ
when others attack him?*

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TWENTY-THIRD WEEK. ARRESTED, TRIED, DENIED.

FIRST DAY: MARK 14:32-36. HIS AGONY IN THE GAR-
DEN.

FRIDAY.—A DAY OF SUFFERING.

Read also Christ's intercessory prayer, John 17.

(Mark omits the farewell discourse and intercessory prayer recorded in John, chaps. 14-17.)

Gethsemane, v. 32. The oil-press.

What does John tell us about the place in 18:1, 2?

Jesus his disciples had often met there
Read John 13:30 and tell who went to Gethsemane with Jesus.

What was Jesus's mental condition at this time? Mark

14:33, 34; Luke 22:44. = *being in an agony.*

greatly amazed = shrouded with astonishment; sore troubled = deepest sorrow
For use of word amazed see 9:15; 16:5, 6.

What did He tell His disciples He was about to do?

V. 32. See Matt. 17:1; Mark 5:37.

Pray

Which of them did He take further into the garden with Him?

Peter, James, John.

What did He say to these three and what did He mean by what He said?

My soul is exceedingly sorrowful even unto death; abide ye here and watch: (His followers can)

What was His prayer at this time?

Near him in his

Remove this cup -

What answer came to His prayer? Luke 22:43.

See Luke

there appeared unto him an angel from heaven, strengthening him

What does His posture show as to His earnestness?

Intensity
How did He qualify His request? Mark 14:36.

Now what I will, but what thou wilt.

Can you find any human cause for this scene?

Unrenewedness without the cross - again tempts not

Do you think that this scene is explained at all by the words in Luke 4:13? With which temptation did it correspond?

Yes
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Luke 4:6-7.

Thought: Not what I will, but what thou

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SECOND DAY: MARK 14:37-42. THE DISCIPLES' SLEEP
IN THE GARDEN.

"He who had promised to die for Jesus could not keep awake for Him; small temptations are often harder than great ones."

Who is designated by "them" in v. 37?

Peter, James, John.

Whom did Jesus address and by what name?

Peter, Simon

Why should He say these words especially to Peter?

Because Peter had been so strong in expressing his allegiance

How many times did Jesus leave the three disciples, and how did He find them each time He returned?

vs 41 - three times asleep.

What was His prayer each time?

Abba, father, all things are possible unto thee; remove this cup from me; howbeit not what I will, but what thou wilt.

Why did Jesus tell the disciples to pray?

the spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak.

What did He say to them in v. 41?

Sleep on now, and take your rest. This hour

What did He mean by "the hour is come"?

for his betrayal and death.

How did He know the traitor was at hand?

either saw the crowd coming or by his divine omniscience

Thoughts 1.

"Prayer without watching is hypocrisy; watching without prayer is presumption."

2. *The spirit indeed is willing*
but the flesh is weak

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TWENTY-THIRD WEEK. ARRESTED, TRIED,
DENIED.

THIRD DAY: MARK 14:43-52. THE BETRAYAL AND
ARREST.

How did Judas know where Jesus was?

He knew Christ had often resorted thither. A multitude, v. 43. Partly regular guards of the Temple and partly from the Roman soldiers quartered there.

Who led the soldiers? John 18:3, Luke 22:47.

What sign had Judas agreed upon?

a Kiss
Kissed Him, Mark 14:45. "Kissed Him fervently or repeatedly." For the full meaning of the word see its use in Luke 7:38, Luke 15:20, and Acts 20:37.

How did Jesus address Judas? Matt. 26:50.

Friend, do that for which thou art come
How did Jesus's presence affect the multitude? John 18:6.

Who is the certain one of Mark 14:47? John 18:10.

What did he do?

Struck of the ear of a servant of the High Priest
"An attempt to make up for lack of character by outward service."

What did Jesus do? Luke 22:51.

He touched his ear and healed him
What did Jesus mean by the words in vs. 48, 49?

That his arrest at this time was a strict fulfilment of
What did He mean by v. 50?

He was left alone with his flock.

How long before this was it that they had used the words of v. 31? *Just a short time - a few hours at the most.*

V. 51, 52. "Some have conjectured he was the owner of the garden of Gethsemane; others Lazarus; others Jesus, the brother of the Lord; others a youth of the family where Jesus had eaten the Passover. It is far more probable that it was St. Mark himself, the son of Mary, the friend of St. Peter."

Thoughts:- "Wouldst thou know what satan can do, and God can do? what the basest of mankind " " " " the best of mankind can do? Behold the lips of Judas who kisses, and the cheek of Jesus which receives the kiss? Does my discipleship mean so much to me?"

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TWENTY-THIRD WEEK. ARRESTED, TRIED, DENIED.

FOURTH DAY: MARK 14:53-59. THEY SEEK FALSE WITNESSES.

From John 18:13, 19-24 we learn that Jesus was taken first to Annas the high priest according to Jewish law. Annas sent Him to Caiaphas. It is hardly the function of a judge and jury to seek witness against the one they are set to try.

To the high priest, v. 53. Caiaphas.

V. 53 describes a hastily convened meeting of the Sanhedrin. It was not lawful to try a capital case at night.

In what part of the house was this trial held? See

14:66. *In the room open on one side and*

lighted by torches, were the members of the council and Jesus.

Where were His disciples at this time? See John 18:15. *Friday T.*

Simon Peter followed Jesus and so did another

What was Peter doing? *v. 54 +*

He was sitting with the officers, warming himself."

What leads us to think that the council was not seeking to give Jesus a fair trial?

Because they sought witnesses

What did some testify against Him?

I heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in 3 days I will build another.

Tell how it is possible for a Christian to be a false witness without saying anything?

Keeping silent when the truth ought to be spoken.

Compare John 2:19 and say whether their testimony was true. See Deut. 19:15 for the requirement of the law.

Christ "Destroy this temple, and in 3 days I will raise it up."

"At the mouth of TWO witnesses or
" " " " Three " shall a
matter be established."

I thought. Do I ever become a false witness by keeping silent?

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DENIED.

FIFTH DAY: MARK 14:60-64. BEFORE CAIAPHAS.

Notice how the high priest addresses Him in Matt. 26:63. This was the legal formula for administering an oath. *I adjure thee the living God*

What did Jesus do when the high priest asked his first question?

Held his peace, and ans. nothing.

What was the high priest's second question?

Art thou the Christ, the son of the Blessed?

Jesus answers plainly and positively, "I am the Christ."

What did Jesus mean by the rest of His answer?

His second coming

Rent his clothes, v. 63. Of what was this a sign?

a formal act to be done in the presence of a council of blasphemy like the putting on of a death cap by a judge.

What was the blasphemy? John 10:36. Compare Lev.

24:16. *Because he said he was the son of God*

He that blasphemeth the name of Jehovah; he shall surely be put to death

What judgment did they render?

And they all condemned him to be worthy of death.

Thought: For the first time in whole speech Jesus declares that he is the Messiah to accept ¹⁵⁹ his own testimony?

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TWENTY-THIRD WEEK. ARRESTED, TRIED,
DENIED.

SIXTH DAY: MARK 14:65. THE PEOPLE MOCK HIM.

What did they do to Him now? Read also Luke 22:63-65.

spit on him, blindfolded him, said prophecy, mocked, ridiculed, struck him

What kind of a trial do such incidents show it to have been?

Prejudiced and partial.

What did they mean by covering His face and calling upon Him to prophesy?

Mocked him because if he were divine he could know who stoned.

How did the officers treat Him?

received him with blows.

PRAYER: "Speak to us, O God, in words of calm and power that the troubled sea of our desires and griefs may be at rest. We have striven and failed. We have climbed and fallen. We have hoped and been disappointed. Yet we have never sought for Thee with our whole hearts but we have found Thee close at hand. So hold us, Lord, above the level of our doubts and fears, so quicken us to child-like trust, so glorify Thyself in us through work and pleasure, life and death, that we may share the peace of God that passeth understanding. Amen."

Thought: What am I doing to see that Christ is not mocked today?

Peter permitted himself to be in a dangerous place.

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TWENTY-THIRD WEEK. ARRESTED, TRIED,
DENIED.

SEVENTH DAY: MARK 14:66-72. PETER DENIES HIM.

V. 67. "How many thousands of Christians have grown cold trying to warm themselves at the world's fires."

Compare with these verses Matt. 26:69-75, Luke 22:55-62, and John 18:25-27, and write out briefly this occurrence.

Three successive times Peter denies Christ, a maid, the first two times and the third time those that stood by tempted him.

Beneath in the court, Mark 14:66. See Third Week, Third Day, where such a house was mentioned.

How did Peter get in here? John 18:16.

The other disciples, with the permission of her that kept the door brought him in.

Who accused Peter of being a disciple?

a maid of the high priest

How many times was he thus accused?

3 times

What did Peter answer the first time?

I neither know, nor understand what those sayest.

Where did Peter go then?

and he went out into the porch.

What was Peter's second answer?

I know not the man Matt 26:72.

What was it that made them think that Peter was a follower of Jesus?

His speech.

Do people who talk with you know from your speech that you are one of His followers?

They ought

What was Peter's third answer?

I know not this man of whom ye speak

How did Peter feel then?

He wept

What brought about this feeling? Luke 22:61.

The Lord turned and looked upon him

Memorize Matt. 10:32, 33.

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Thought: Sharnan: "As a professed disciple of Jesus, am I denying Him at any points by the manner of my life? Do I not deny Christ by my negative attitude in

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TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK. MOCKED AND CRUCIFIED.

FIRST DAY: MARK 15:1-5. BEFORE PILATE.

In the morning, v. 1. This morning meeting of the whole council was to give legal sanction to the action of the night. The powers of evil were active enough in the morning.

Bound Jesus, v. 1. To show that He had been condemned.

Pilate, v. 1. The Roman governor of Judea and Samaria. From what you have learned of Him, make a study of his character. What was the great weakness in his character?

Was in himself; in the shallowness and woodenness of his own character, wh. this action laid bare to the very foundation.

Why did they bring Jesus to the Roman governor?

Because this council had no power to inflict the punishment of death.

What three charges did they bring against Him?

- Luke 23:2. (1) *perverting our nation*
(2) *Forbidding to give tribute to Caesar*
(3) *Saying he himself is Christ a King* = *trason*

What word describes the third charge?

Treason against Rome

How did this differ from the previous charge? Mark

14:62.

This previous charge was blasphemy in that he said he was the Son of God.

What did Pilate think of this action on their part? V

10. *He perceived that for every chief priests had delivered him up.*

Why did Pilate ask the question he did?

Pilate with Roman detectors goes straight to the 3rd charge wh. the other

What was the effect upon Pilate?

He marvelled

What was Pilate's decision? Luke 23:4.

"I find no fault in this man"

Thought: Pilate wished to do right; he felt the spell of Jesus; and it irritated him to have to go against his conscience.

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TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK. MOCKED AND CRUCIFIED.

SECOND DAY: LUKE 23:4-7. BEFORE HEROD.

V. 9. "Jesus was silent that the voice of the dead Baptist might be heard."

To whom and why did Pilate send Jesus? Luke 23:7.

Herod when he learned he came from Galilee.

Read Luke 23:8-12 and write out the scene.

Herod was glad to see Jesus and he questioned him much but Jesus gave no answer altho' the chief priests severely accused him. Then Herod moved him and sent him back to Pilate. As a result Pilate & Herod became friends.

Pilate again announces that he finds no evidence against Jesus and offers to whip Him and let Him go. (Luke 23:16.) What does this indicate as to Pilate's character?

Weak, desirous of pleasing the people

He was desirous to see Him, Luke 23:8. Was Jesus any more to Herod than a curious juggler? No.

"He put him on the level of a new dancer or singer"

PRAYER: "Almighty God, the Fountain of all holiness, make us perfect in Christ Jesus; out of His fulness may we all receive, and rest in Him forever more. May His passion be our deliverance; His wounds be our healing; His cross our redemption; and His death our life. With His righteousness may we be clothed; by His Spirit may we be sanctified; in His blood may we be cleansed; and to His image may we be conformed. As He died, may we also die unto sin; as He rose again, may we rise into newness of life; suffering with Him here, may we reign with Him hereafter; and bearing now His cross, may we hereafter wear His crown. Amen."

Thoughts 1. ¹⁶³ And as noble as Herod to perceive the divinity of Christ.

2. I find no fault in this man - - I will therefore chastise him." Or I follow popular wishes to gain popular approval

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TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK. MOCKED AND CRUCIFIED.

THIRD DAY: MARK 15:6-15. PILATE DELIVERS HIM TO BE CRUCIFIED.

What feast was this? *Passover.*

Barabbas, v. 7. A notable prisoner, Matt. 27:16.

What was his crime?

made an insurrection

What was Pilate's offer?

Release Jesus

What did the priests do?

stirred up the people back for Barabbas

What should Pilate have done?

What he never thought of -

Describe the scene in vs. 11-14.

People ask for Barabbas. Pilate tries to release Jesus but yields to popular demand.

What did Pilate mean by his use of the words "King of the Jews"? *It provoked the cry "Crucify Him"*

What did Pilate do and why?

Wishing to content the multitude, delivered Jesus to be crucified.

Before releasing Jesus how did Pilate treat Him?

scourged him.

Why, what evil hath He done? V. 14. This was the third time Pilate had expostulated with the Jews by declaring the innocence of Jesus. "It is noteworthy that he took step after step to secure the acquittal of Jesus: (1) He emphatically and publicly announced His perfect innocence; (2) he sent Him to Herod; (3) he made offer to release Him as a boon; (4) he tried to make scourging take the place of crucifixion; (5) he appealed to compassion. John shows still more clearly how, in successive stages of the trial, he sets aside (1) the vague general charge of being an evil doer (18:30); (2) of being in any seditious sense a king (18:39); (3) of any guilt in His religious claims (19:12). He only yields at last through fear, which makes him release a man guilty of the very crime for which he delivers Jesus to a slave's death." *Lindsay P. 229 - Quoted from Farrar*

Thought:- Pilate's part here was sure that he had to yield to the people. "How as elsewhere we see how past sins are the spur to new crimes? How is new life today?"

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TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK. MOCKED AND

CRUCIFIED. *He took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this righteous man: see ye to it.*

FOURTH DAY: MARK 15:16-21. TO CALVARY.

Read also Luke 23:26-32. Read again Isa. 53.

What did Pilate do and say as recorded in Matt. 27:24?

gave sentence that what they asked for should be done.

What answer did the people make? Matt. 27:25.

His blood be on us and our children.

Notice what the people said to Pilate, John 19:12.

If thou release this man, thou art not Caesar's friend.

Pretorium, Mark 15:16. The Governor's palace.

Cyrene, v. 21. A town in North Africa.

What did they mean by the actions described in vs. 17, 18, 19?

They were mocking him for calling himself king.

The cross, v. 21. The condemned were compelled to carry the cross on which they were to be crucified. See John 19:17.

Simon was impressed, probably, when Jesus, exhausted as He must have been, began to waver under the load.

A service rendered to Jesus is the one thing for which Simon is remembered. *Many, like Simon, when they meet Christ will*

What did Jesus say to the women who followed Him?

Luke 23:28.

Work not for me, but work for yourselves and for your children.

What did He mean?

A reference to the awful siege of Jerusalem.

What is meant by the expression "in the green tree"?

Luke 23:31. *Ezekiel says: "For if Israel had been*

such a flame to its "green tree" how terrible would the divine judgment burn among the dry wood of an apostate and rebellious people that had so deluded up its divine King, and pronounced sentence upon itself by pronouncing it upon Him." Vol. II. 5088

Thought: - Those who pretend subjection to Christ, but at the same time give themselves up to the service of the world, the flesh, and the devil, are like the dry wood that they did not

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TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK. MOCKED AND CRUCIFIED.

FIFTH DAY: MARK 15:22-27. CRUCIFIED.

Golgotha, v. 22. The Hebrew word. Calvary, the Latin word, used in Luke in the Authorized Version. Both words mean skull-shaped. The place cannot be identified. See John 19:20, 41, Matt. 27:39, and write down all we are told about it.

The site cannot be identified: all that can be known is that it was near Jerusalem, but outside the walls; that it was a public road where men were passing to and fro; and that it was near a

Wine mingled with myrrh, Mark 15:22. A stupefying drink often given to those about to be crucified.

Why do you suppose Jesus refused it?

He was suffering for our sins, and he bore the "curse"

Who were crucified with Him? Luke 23:33.

Two malefactors—

His garments, Mark 15:24. See John 19:23, 24.

At what hour was He crucified?

Third hour = 9 a.m. but see Sunday 7

What was written above the cross?

The King of the Jews

Why was this written in three languages? John 19:20.

These three languages gained as the result of the neglect of the social, the intellectual preparation for Christ, and each witness was given to his office. See Eusebius II.

Why did the Jews object to this writing? John 19:21.

They were afraid the Jews who passed by might be influenced by the inscription.

The groups around the cross:

Soldiers—apathy.

Sanhedrin—antipathy.

Women—sympathy.

In which group are you to-day?

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SIXTH DAY: MARK 15:29-32. MANY MOCK HIM.

What four different classes mocked Him, and what did each say?

V. 29. *The passersby who had come from the temple that destroyed the temple and builded it in 3 days, said thyself, and come down from the cross*
Vs. 31, 32. *Priests and scribes.*

"He said of himself he cannot save"
Luke 23:36, 37. *Soldiers "If thou art thou of the Jews, save thyself"*
Matt. 27:44. *The bandits crucified along with him, who derided him for not being able to save and them*

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: *Himself He cannot save, v. 31.*
This, though said in mockery, was literally true. He came not to save Himself, but to save *me*. Not only His death, but His whole life taught this and showed this to be His great purpose in coming into this world—"to give His life, a ransom." The grain of wheat must fall into the earth and die.

"May this poor self grow less and less;

Be Thou my life and aim;

Oh, make me daily, through Thy grace,
More worthy of Thy name.

"Daily more filled with Thee, my heart

Daily from self more free;

Thou, to whom prayer did strength impart,
Oh, my prayer-Hearer be."

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SEVENTH DAY: LUKE 23:39-43. THE TWO THIEVES.

Describe the attitude of each of these two malefactors toward Jesus?

*One mocked
One honored.*

What did the first one say to Jesus?

"Art not thou the Christ? Save thyself and us"

What was this man's sin as shown by these words?

No sorrow for his sin.

What did the other say to Jesus?

"Art thou not wiser than I, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we received due rewards of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss."

What did Jesus answer?

"To-day shalt thou be with me in Paradise."

"Did ever the new birth take place in so strange a cradle?"

What are we taught here about our life after death?

We instantly pass to a better life.

How was Jesus's answer to the thief better than his request?

He simply asked to be remembered. Christ said he would be with him.

Thought:- We are soon into the Kingdom when we least expect it. Let us be careful that we do not hinder but help them.
See John 6:37

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FIRST DAY: THE SEVEN WORDS FROM THE CROSS.

Write down the seven expressions used by Jesus on the cross:

1. Luke 23:34. *Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.*
2. Luke 23:43. *Today shall thou be ^{with me} in paradise. ^{see John}*
3. John 19:26, 27. *Woman, behold, thy son
behold, thy mother.*
4. Mark 15:34. *My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*
5. John 19:28. *I thirst.*
6. John 19:30. *It is finished.*
7. Luke 23:46. *Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit.*

Which were for others?

1, 2, 3,

Which describe His own suffering?

4, 5, (4) mentally (5) Physically

Could you make the prayer of Luke 23:34 your own to-day? *Father! Forgive them.*

The seven words:

1. A prayer: invocation, petition, argument.
2. The life of Christ in miniature.
3. Thinking of others.
4. A word of astonishment, but of victory.
5. He had offered to quench the thirst of the world.
6. The worker's cry of achievement; the sufferer's cry of relief. The greatest single word ever spoken.
7. A prayer. A quotation from Scripture.

thoughts:

To the very end of his life and in his greatest suffering, ¹⁶⁹ Jesus sought relief. *See Ps 22:1; 31:1* *to the very end of this life.* *The scripture*
"Do I thirst."
"Father, forgive them," "Do I pray as Jesus prayed?"
"He taught me to pray. He showed me the way to the Father."

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SECOND DAY: MARK 15:33-37. DEAD.

Between what hours, according to our method of computing time, was it dark?

12 to 3 P.M.

What did they think Jesus said?

He calleth Elijah

What did they do?

He took a sponge full of vinegar and put it on a reed and gave him to drink

Why might they think that He was calling Elijah?

Elijah, next to Moses, was the prophet of the O. T. to whom our Lord had constantly appealed.

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Three of the evangelists note that He cried with a loud voice.

Try to realize the suffering which wrung this cry from the Son of God.

PRAYER: "O Thou Saviour of the world, all things are in Thy hand or under Thy hand. Thou didst die for us; Thou didst rise again; and now our prayers are a part of Thine. Thou dost take them up and refine them; give them meaning and wisdom, and return them to us in large answers of love. Great is Thy love; infinite in tenderness Thy compassion. We call Thee man because then we can touch Thee; we call Thee God because then Thou canst lift us beyond all mortal strength and fix us in absolute security. Thou art Immanuel—God with us—never to be explained, always to be felt; a living presence. May we find in Thy cross the centre and sum of all things, the beginning and end of the rest which is Thy righteousness, and may we lean our little crosses, so small, against Thy infinite woe. Amen."

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The sun set over Christ and rose for me." Do I realize the suffering which wrung the loud voice from

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THIRD DAY: MARK 15:38. EFFECT IN NATURE.

Read also Matt. 27:51-53.

The veil, Mark 15:38. Separated the Holy place in the Temple from the Holy of Holies. What happened to it?

rent in twain from top to bottom.

Of what was this a symbol? Heb. 10:19, 20.

When sin was got rid of by the death of Christ the holiest could be entered by a new and living way" and made this plain by the rent in the temple

Describe what happened according to Matthew.

Earth quaked, rocks rent, tombs opened, dead raised and Jerusalem appeared to many.

"I have a friend so precious,
So very dear to me,
He loves me with such tender love,
He loves so faithfully,
I would not live apart from Him,
I love to feel Him nigh,
And so we dwell together,
My Lord and I.

"Sometimes I'm faint and weary,
He knows that I am weak,
And as He bids me lean on Him,
His help I'll gladly seek;
He leads me in the paths of light
Beneath a sunny sky
And so we walk together,
My Lord and I."

Thought: - Do I realize that I can now approach God because my sin has been removed by Christ's sacrifice?

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FOURTH DAY: MARK 15:39-41. EFFECT UPON CENTURION.

What was the effect upon the Centurion?

He said Truly this man was the son of God

What was there in the dying Christ that caused the centurion to use these words, and the thief to speak as he did in Luke 23:42?

What power there was in the dying Saviour dying the most beautiful death known, may be seen in this, that in his last agony he drew back knowledge of him a Jewish Fanatic and a Roman Soldier.

Who watched from afar?

Women { Mary Magdalene
Mary mother of James the Less
Salome

What had their part been in the life of Jesus?

Followed him and ministered unto him.

Where were the men?

Disseated

Memorize Zech. 4:6.

Thoughts 1. "The Centurion was converted not by any words addressed to him, but by being in the presence of Jesus and seeing how he conducted himself during a few hours." Am I a worthy imitator of Christ in this respect?

2. "To what relief have these words of study led me concerning the person of Jesus?"

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FIFTH DAY: MARK 15:42-47. BURIED.

What day of the week was this? *Friday.*

Why did the Jews want the bodies taken from the cross? John 19:31. *Because it was the Preparation for the day of that Sabbath was a high day Jewish law forbade a man hanging on a tree all night*

Joseph, Mark 15:43. Tell all you can about him. See Deut 21:22 also Matt. 27:57, Luke 23:51, John 19:38.

*councillor of honourable estate
Grieved for Kingdom of God -
Rich, Jesus' disciple
Had not consented to their council and deed*

Who else came at this time? John 19:39.

*"Secretly for
fear of the Jews
See Sunday p. 1.*

Nicodemus.

Why did they go to Pilate?

Because Roman practice compelled the bodies of those crucified to remain on the cross till they rotted away

What caused Pilate to marvel?

Because he was already dead -

What did they do with the body?

Took it down, bound it in linen cloths and spices and laid it in a tomb.

Who else saw the burial?

Mary Magdalene and Mary Mother of Jesus

Where were the disciples?

Disseminated

I thought. "A disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews (John 19:38) I allow my fear¹⁷³ of man to prevent me, at any time, from making that confession of Jesus wh. he asks of me and wh. would forward His Kingdom?"

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SIXTH DAY: MATT. 27:62-66. SEALING THE SEPULCHRE.

What precautions did the chief priests and the Pharisees take?

Guard the sepulchre for 3 days

What did they think had become of Jesus?

He was dead.

Did anyone have any different opinion?

No.

What was Pilate's answer?

You have a guard, go your way, make it as sure as you can.

What did they do?

Made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone the guard being with them

What evidence does all this contribute to the truth of the resurrection?

It strengthens it and shows that his enemies did all in their power to prevent it but failed.

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SEVENTH DAY: I PETER 2:21-25.

Write down the events recorded in the following passages:

- Mark 15:16-20. *Jesus mocked at by the Soldiers.*
Luke 23:26-32. *On the way to Calvary*
Mark 15:22-27. *Crucifixion of Jesus.*
Mark 15:29-32. *Jesus mocked at upon the cross*
Luke 23:39-43. *The two thieves*
Mark 15:33-37. *Death of Jesus*
Mark 15:38. *Earthquake and rent of temple.*
Mark 15:39-41. *Those present at crucifixion*
Mark 15:42-47. *Burial of Jesus*
Matt. 27:62-66. *The watch at the Sepulchre.*

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: "Christ is the world's life. Passing centuries, however many their number, could not erect an exalted ethical character into the Christ of to-day and forever, and the study of that character is largely profitless save as it leads men and nations to hear the voice of Jesus as on the last day, the great day of the feast, He stood and cried, saying, 'If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink. He that believeth on Me as the Scripture hath said, out of the depths of his life shall pour torrents of living water.'"

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TWENTY-SIXTH WEEK. HIS VICTORY.

FIRST DAY: MARK 16:1-8. HE RISES.

The great chapter on the resurrection is 1 Cor. 15.

What day of the week was this?

First day of the week.

What has this day been called ever since?

Lord's day Easter

Who were first at the tomb and at what time of the day did they come?

Mary Magdalene, Mary mother of James and Salome. (Very early)

Why would Mary Magdalene be so constant in her love?

Because he cast out 7 devils from her

For what did they come?

to anoint him

What would this imply as to their real knowledge of Jesus?

They did not expect him to rise

What shows that they did not expect Jesus to rise?

vs 8 and 6- They were amazed -

Describe the scene of vs. 5 and 6.

They enter the tomb and are amazed at the sight of a young man who tells them that Jesus is risen!

What did the angel command?

Go and tell his disciples

Why "and Peter"? V. 7. A special message to Peter, who had denied his Master and was his repentance might fancy himself outside the circle of disciples.

Do you suppose the angel had any special object in using the words, "as He said unto you"?

was a renewal of the promise of Jesus at the last Supper. Christ never forgot his appointments

What effect did the whole scene have upon the women?

Trembling and astonishment had come upon them

Memorize 1 Cor. 15:58. Noting the use of wherefore.

Thought: do I realize the blessedness of the message He is risen?

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SECOND DAY: MARK 16:9-13. HIS FIRST APPEARANCE.

(See note in margin of Revised Version on vs. 9-20.)

To whom did Jesus first appear?

Mary Magdalene.

What were the disciples doing?

mourning and weeping.

What was the effect upon them of the woman's message?

disbelief.

How do you explain this in view of 10:34?

In the dulness they did not grasp it.

What effort did the chief priests make to conceal the fact of the resurrection? Matt. 28:11-15.

ordered the guard to say the disciples stole his body.

Afterward He appeared to two others and these told the disciples; what was the effect?

"Neither believed they them."

"Jesus draws near to commune *with* those who commune of Him."

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: Luke tells us that He said to the two on the way to Emmaus, "What communications are these that ye have one with another as ye walk?" Does Jesus draw near to me sometimes as I talk with my companions and wonder at what we talk about? How embarrassing it would be at times. Oh Thou blessed Son of God, give me a mind that turns gladly and naturally to the things that pertain to Thy kingdom so that I may talk more about these things.

Those saw Jesus first who loved
Him most" 177

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THIRD DAY: MARK 16:14. HE APPEARS TO THE ELEVEN.

Read also John 20:19-28.

The disciples still continued together.

When He appeared to them what did He do?

upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen

What was Thomas's difficulty? John 20:25.

Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails and put my fingers into the print of the nails and put my hand into his side, I will not believe

How did Jesus convince him?

appeared when he was present and said Reach hither thy hand and put it into my side, and be not faithless but believe

What was Thomas's confession?

"My Lord and My God"

Can you to-day truthfully use these words which Thomas used?

Yes.
"Is this far-reaching confession for Thomas a true expression of what Jesus of Nazareth has become for me (1) in belief, (2) in vital reality?"
Shawman.

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FOURTH DAY: MARK 16:15-20. HIS LAST WISHES.

“‘Every citizen a soldier,’ is the true watchword of the Church.”

What command did He give His disciples?

Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole world.

This is called “The Great Commission,” also “The marching orders of the Church.” Notice we are not commanded to bring the world to Christ, but Christ to the world.

“The army that remains in its entrenchments is already beaten.”

Are you willing to obey His last command? *Yes.*

Where did Jesus go?

was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.

What did the disciples do?

they went forth and preached every where. (From Spain to Babylon) See Sunday 6

Notice this last verse of Mark's Gospel, how to the very end Mark sets forth the living energy of Jesus.

What was the effect of the resurrection on the disciples? Compare 14:50; 16:11, 13, with Acts 2:14, 36; 3:15.

Have faith and courage.

Memorize Mark 16:15.

PRAYER: “Thou Light and Desire of all nations, watch over Thy messengers both by land and sea. Prosper the endeavors of all Thy servants to spread Thy gospel among heathen nations. Accompany the word of their testimony concerning Thy atonement with demonstration of the Spirit and of power. Bless our and all other Christian congregations gathered from among the heathen. Keep them as the apple of Thine eye. Have mercy on Thy ancient covenant people, the Jews; deliver them from their blindness and bring all nations to the saving knowledge of Thee. Give to Thy people open doors to preach the gospel and set them to Thy praise on earth. Hear us, gracious Lord and God. Amen.”

Thought: Am I obeying Christ's last order?

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FIFTH DAY: ACTS I: I-II.

In which part of Palestine did Jesus spend most of His life?

Galilee

Where was Jesus born?

Bethlehem

Where did He grow up?

Nazareth

What city afterward became His home?

Capernaum

Why did He leave Judea?

*When John was imprisoned
See Mark 1:14.*

Why did He leave Galilee?

*Because of the active opposition
of scribes and Pharisees*

What was His method of work?

Heal, teach, preach.

What two important events stand at the beginning of His public ministry?

Baptism, temptation

Mention three events in the Judean ministry.

Clearing of temple, talk with Nicodemus, talk with Samaritans

Mention the three events in the Galilean ministry which seem to you to be most important.

Feeding of 5000, Peter's confession, Transfiguration

Mention three events in the Perean ministry.

*False ambitions of James and John
Heal Bartimaeus, Ananias at Bethany*

What portion of His life does Mark give most fully?

Galilean ministry.

What event in His life was the greatest?

Resurrection

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TWENTY-SIXTH WEEK. HIS VICTORY.

SIXTH DAY: ISA. 61:1-3, LUKE 4:16-21.

State briefly how Jesus fulfilled this prophecy.

He went about preaching to the common people, he comforted the mourning, he gave ~~also~~ hope to the captives of sin and evil spirits. He proclaimed good news.

In what ways did Jesus show Himself to be unselfish?

By remaining in preparation for 30 yrs, by conquering his ^{own} temptation wh. surrounded through his life of suffering, by working, by dying.

In what ways did He show that He was courageous?

By opposing the spiritual leaders. By setting his face steadfastly to go to Jerusalem "to be killed."

Mention instances of His patience.

Holding his peace when mocked, and cursed upon, answering not a word to the high priests.

Tell how He illustrated friendship.

His heart talks with the disciples (before teaching them 14:6). His visits to home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus. (at Jerusalem)

What did He think of God's word?

He quoted it often. He found relief in it. See P 169. the first thought.

What did He think of prayer?

He always prayed especially before the great crises of his life.

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY: "'Behold, the Man!' was Pilate's jeer. That is what all the ages have been doing since, and the vision has grown more and more glorious. As they have looked, the crown of thorns has become a crown of golden radiance, and the cast-off robe has glistened like the garments He wore on the night of His transfiguration. Martyrs have smiled in the flames at that vision, sinners have turned at it to a new life, little children have seen it and have had awakened by it dim recollections of their heaven-home, and toward it the souls of men yearn ever."

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SEVENTH DAY: REV. 22:10-21.

Farrar says Mark's "object was to represent Jesus as He had been in the present, in daily, actual life; Jesus living and working among men in the fulness of His energy; Jesus in the awe-inspiring grandeur of His human personality as a man who was also incarnate, the wonder-working Son of God."

From whence did Jesus come?

God.

What did He do on earth?

Gave his life a ransom.

What is His present position?

"He came forth to make intercession for us."

From your study of His life what do you think of Him?

"The divine son of God"

Can you sign these words:

I hereby accept Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as my own personal Saviour, and consecrate my life to His service.

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OUTLINE MAP.

On this map the student should trace the journeys of Jesus as suggested in the Introduction, and in various lessons in the course.



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